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By Alan Lopez

starphoved the two tax measures, which needed two-thirds to pass.

"Certainly, it means we can start getting after some of our really crucial infrastructure issues," Mayor Allan Maris said. "The flooding at Curtis and Neilson (streets) will be at the top of our list. I hope we can get that done before winter."

Measure F will tax homeowners an additional \$96 a year to repair streets and storm drains. Measure G will tax home-

owners \$24 a year in part to have the library open for four hours on Sundays. With both measures, commercial property owners will be taxed based on their lot size.

About 75 percent of Albany voters also approved Measure H, which will reduce commission terms from four years to two.

Of the three measures, Measure H received the fewest votes Tuesday with 2,675. Measure F received 3,066 votes, and Measure G received 3,074.

Joan Larson, the campaign

between John Manny," she said Wednesday. "I'm grateful and happy that the community supports this."

At City Hall on Tuesday, several Albany voters said they supported the tax measures because they believed the money was needed and wanted to support the city.

Others believed that taxes were already too high, and were skeptical that the money would be used efficiently.

Ming Chen, a two-year Albany resident, said she voted in favor of the additional library hours but against the streets and storm drains tax because the streets seemed to be in good shape, and she didn't know enough about the measure.

Waiting outside of the polling place with their Boston terrier Piglet, husband Stephen Chen

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By Alan Lopez

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CAMILLE KING, left, and Rae Lovko of El Cerrito swing their adopted son, Griffin Lovko King, on Sunday at the Independent Adoption Center's 24th annual picnic at Pleasant Hill Park.

# Open adoptions become more commonplace

By Tom Lochner

When Camille King and her partner Rae Lovko started thinking of raising a family, they considered in vitro fertilization but opted for adoption — "sort of a no-brainer," said King, if only because in the latter, the birth of a baby is a given.

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The El Cerrito couple, both attorneys, posted word on the Internet that they were interested and shopped around for an adoption agency, settling on the Independent Adoption Center, which has an office in Pleasant Hill.

They soon heard from a young pregnant woman in Wisconsin seeking a family to adopt her future child.

"We talked and hit it off," said Lovko. Soon the couple flew to Wisconsin to meet the woman and her family.

"She introduced us: 'These are my baby's parents,'" King remembered.

For two months before she delivered the Wisconsin woman.

are my baby's parents,'" King remembered.
For two months before she delivered, the Wisconsin woman lived with King and Lovko in California. When Griffin Lovko King was born, "Rae was in the delivery room — only one of us could be there because it was a C-section — while I stayed in the waiting room, pacing," said King.
These days Griffin, now 2½, regularly sees his birth mother. Sometimes he travels with his two adoptive moms to Wisconsin, or his birth family comes to California.
Open adoptions such as Griffin's, which involve the birth mother and sometimes birth father as well as the adoptive cou-



CONNIE BAKER-COHN and her adopted daughter Zoe, 5, balance a ball between them Sunday Baker-Cohn has another adopted child, 5-year-old Miles.

ple or sometimes adoptive single parent — and often the various extended families as well — are becoming commonplace nowadays, a far cry from just a generation ago when the IAC became one of the pioneers of open adoption.

Adoption then usually was shrouded in secrecy, partly a legacy of the days when the birth certificates of children born to unwed mothers were stamped "illegitimate," said Kathleen Silber, the IAC's associate executive director and an author of several books on open adoption.

child, 5-year-old Miles.

When IAC opened in 1982, open adoption was considered "radical," Silber said.

"People thought it would be too confusing to (adopted) children to have a birth mother in their lives," she said. "But the reality has been the opposite because it's easier for children to understand adoption when they have concrete information.

"The birth mother is a concrete reality in the child's life, compared to closed adoption, where it's an abstract concept."

Although the agency's clients are primarily heterosexual cou-

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# **Measure E** a landslide winner

■ Kensington ballot item raises spending limit for police, doesn't raise taxes

By Tom Lochner

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STAFF WHITER
A measure that increases the spending limit of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District to almost \$2.5 million a year until 2010 won an easy victory at the polls this week.

With all precincts counted, Measure E won, with 1,269 votes for and 162 against, or 89 percent to 11 percent.
The current spending limit, approved by voters in 2002, is slightly more than \$2.1 million. Measure E needed a simple majority of yes-votes to pass.

Approval of the measure does not increase taxes but merely authorizes the district to spend, if necessary, what it already collects.
"I think it's an appropriate measure to give community oversight into what we do," community services board Vice President Pat McLaughlin said.
A 1979 amendment to the California Constitution imposed a spending limit on most local agencies while setting the 1978-79 fiscal year's spending as a baseline.

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# Albany initiative process

■ Measure would prevent development near city's shoreline; lawsuit claims city did not adequately notify public

By Alan Lopez

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STAFF WRITER

Albany will move toward placing an initiative on the November ballot that would limit potential development on its waterfront despite a lawsuit filed this week to stop it.

About 20 people Monday night urged the city to continue the initiative process after Golden Gate Fields claimed in a suit that proponents of the measure failed to properly inform the public about it.

In a packed City Council chamber, sustained applause greeted City Attorney Robert Zweben's announcement that the city would continue the process necessary to qualify the initiative for the Nov. 7 election.

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■ Special libraries, like their public counterparts, play a critical role. Page A5



### Martin Snapp

School librarian shares he summer reading list for each grade. Page A3



### Kensington

### Police shortage worsens as chief departs

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Kensington Police Sgt. Ricky Hull is the acting police chief following the abrupt departure of chief and community services district general manager Barry Garfield.

Garfield walked out of a May 25 board meeting complaining that he was being harassed by a district board member, board president Paul Haxo said. Garfield has since been on personal leave.

With Garfield's departure, the department, which has been grappling with a staffing shortage, is now down to five police officers. The department is authorized for 10 officers, with two now in training.

"It means ultimately that we are probably looking forward to a transitional time," Haxo said. "We've been shorthanded for a while, and now we're even more shorthanded."

In addition, there's been a heightened awareness of crime in Kensington, following two armed robberies that took place in front of people's homes in February and March.

— Alan Lopez

### Council to hold hearing on budget

The Albany City Council will hold a public hearing on the city budget for the next two fiscal years at its next meeting.

The June 19 meeting will also include public hearings about increases in the master fee schedule as well as the city's library tax. The city is looking at increasing fees by 2 percent and increasing the library tax by 1.96 percent, an equivalent of \$1.13 for single-family homes.

On June 19, the council will also hold a public hearing on the city's capital improvement plan. The city budget, meanwhile, may be trimmed to eliminate a potential deficit.

Documents are available at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-528-5710.

### Thousands recycle electronic waste

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About 5,000 people took part in the city of El Cerrito's e-waste recycling event last weekend, dropping off enough material to fill 2t tractor-trailer trucks with TVs, monitors, computers, stereo equipment and telephones, and other small electronics.

"It was a great success," said El Cerrito Mayor Janet Abelson in a press release. "Italked to a lot of people, and most of them showed me the postcard that we had mailed about the event."

Abelson helped direct cars to several drop-off stations that were set up along Kearney Street and in the City Hall Parking lot.

"We had hundreds of calls and visits to our Web site (www.un-waste.com), and we had no idea El Cerrito's event would be this big", said Jacob Cherry, Universal Waste Management President and CEO, in the release. "We called out all 25 of our employees from our Oakland warehouse to help the employees working in El Cerrito, and we still could have used more."

On average, most people waited in line for 15 minutes to drop off their electronics, but a few, who arrived during the peak on Saturday, waited up to 45 minutes, according to the release.

The event was held at El Cerrito City Hall last Saturday and Sunday. West Contra Costa residents may drop off electronics and other types of household hazardous wastes on an ongoing basis at the West Contra Costa County HIFW facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond. For more information, visit recyclemore.com or call 1-888-812-9277.

All others who missed the event may visit www.unwaste.com or call 1-888-832-9839 for a list of other Bay Area electronics recycling events.

—Craig Lazzeretti

Berkeley

### UC hosts conference on women in politics

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A Who's Who of local female political leaders, including Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley/El Cerrito, Rep. Wilma Chan, D-Oakland, and Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Walnut Creek, will join their colleagues from around the country today at UC Berkeley for a two-day conference on the changing roles of women in politics.

Co-hosted by UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies and the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, the conference will discuss gender and campaign communications, candidate recruitment, the impact of candidate gender on American elections, and how women can get in and stay in leadership positions.

Among the other participants: Margita Thompson, press secretary for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger; former Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Washington; Loretta Lynch, former chairwoman of the California Public Utilities Commission; Assemblywoman Carol Liu, D-La Canada Flintridge; former California Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin; former California Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, R-Walnut Creek; and professors from Brown, Rutgers and the University of Minnesota.

The event takes place at the Berkeley Faculty Club today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.centerforpolitics.org/programs/nss/WIPindex.htm or call 510-642-5158.

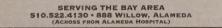
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### Claremont begins improvement effort

The Claremont Resort & Spa in Berkeley has begun a \$4 million effort to upgrade the historical hotel, beginning with the painting of the exterior.

The improvement project will also include new bedding packages in all 279 rooms; a private dining room in Paragon Bar & Cafe; a new pool area at The Club at The Claremont; and fully renovated ballrooms. The improvements are scheduled to be completed throughout the year, and come on the heels of the recent settlement to a labor dispute.

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### RAISING THE BAR IN PERSONAL TRAINING



# Major donors can be stars in El Ceni

By Karen Hershenson

Nothing says celebrity like the Walk of Fame — those brass stars implanted in the sidewalk along Hollywood Boulevard. You can just see the furs, the tuxes and the strobe lights of a thousand red-carpet premieres as you stroll past them: Bette Davis ... Gregory Peck ... Lassie.

Now the East Bay will have its own Walk of Fame, right in front of the Cerrito Theater, the former furniture store that's been a work-in-progress for years. The theater, located on the main stretch of San Pablo Avenue, is now slated to open soon after Labor Day. now stated to ap-bor Day. It's been a costly proposition

as an Art Deco movie house— a total of \$4.8 million, according to Dianne Brenner, co-chair of the Friends of the Cerrito Theater. (And that excludes the cost of the actual building.) Most of the money has come via a loan from the city of El Cerrito, but the Friends are feoting the bill for spiffing up some of the original features, such as interior murals, a large etched-glass mirror behind the concession stand, the marquee, and the vertical "blade" that announces the theater's name.

name.

They needed to raise some serious cash, and a clever way to recognize major donors. That's when the Walk of Fame idea

came up. There will be 20 personalized stars placed in the sidewalk directly in front of the theater. Actually, the stars will be fashioned from concrete, and donors get a brass plaque engraved with the wording of their choice. The price tag: \$5,000 each.

You'll have to make a dona-

each. You'll have to make a donation by the Fourth of July to have your star in place by opening day.
"Everybody can be special, while supplies last," says Suzanne Baum, aka Publicity Girl, who's spreading word of the campaign. Only five other cities in the country have Walks of Fame, she adds.
"Weird places, like Detroit, or like somewhere in Kansas.

costs you \$1,000 is \$500-\$999; brom A simple plaque a seat is \$100-\$2 more, go to

### EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

### Sunday, May 28

- DUI Police arrested a 30-year-old Alameda woman on suspicion of driving under the influence on San Pablo Avenue at 1:10 a.m. Police say the woman, who was stopped for a vehicle code violation, was also dri-ving with a suspended license and had stolen property. The passenger, a 28-year-old Oakland woman, was also arrested for possessing stolen property.
- ARREST Police arrested a 48-year-old San Pablo man on suspicio of possessing a deadly weapon, co-caine and stolen property, as well as for identity theft and a parole violatic Police arrested the man at Target.

### Monday, May 29

■ THEFT ARREST — At 11:07 a.m., police arrested a 51-year-old Richmond woman on suspicion of stealing clothing at Target.

PAROLE VIOLATION — At 9:30 p.m., police arrested a 21-year-old Berkeley man on suspicion of resisting arrest and having a parole violation. The man was arrested when he dumped his bicycle and fled at Waldo Avenue and Kearney Street after police attempted to stop him for a code violation. Police say they arrested the man after searching for him yard-by-yard on the 800 block of Kearney Street.

### Tuesday, May 30

- VEHICLE THEFT ARREST Po-lice arrested a 13-year-old boy on suspicion of possessing a stolen ve-hicle and cocaine at San Pablo Av-enue and Hill Street. A 12-year-old in the vehicle was also arrested for pos-sessing a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was stopped at 8 a.m. shortly after being reported stolen in Richmond.
- THEFT ARREST At 11:50 a.m police arrested an 11-year-old Rich-

mond boy on suspicion of stealing a portable CD player from Target.

### Wednesday, May 31

- ARSON ARREST At 9:30 a.m., police arrested a 15-year-old Richmond boy on suspicion of throwing a cigar but onto the grass on the Ohlone Greenway at Waldo Avenue. The cigar but twas thrown before a fire that broke out in the area. A police officer slowed the fire with an extinguisher until the fire department arrived.
- THEFT ARREST Police arreste a 43-year-old Pleasant Hill man on suspicion of taking more than \$200 worth of cosmetics from Albertson's at 9:10 p.m. Police say the man has prior convictions for theft.

### Thursday, June 1

■ FRAUD ARREST — Police arrested two Richmond women on suspicion of using victims' personal information to purchase nearly \$3,000 in
gift cards at Target. The two were allegedly in cahoots with a 17-year-old
Richmond girl who worked at the

■ EMBEZZLEMENT AN

THEFT ARREST

vestigating suspicious activity on the 700 block of Curtis Street, officers located a 1999 Honda that had been reported stolen from Richmond.

DUI — At about 3 a.m. officers arrested a 28-year-014 Albary woman driving a gray Mazda near Solano Avenue and Madison Street for DUI.

■ NISSAN STOLEN — During the night, someone stole a silver 1994 Nissan Sentra parked on the 700 block of San Carlos Street.

■ WALLET STOLEN — A Berkeley woman reported that her wallet had been stolen during the night from her unlocked car that was parked on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue.

BOD block of Evelyn Avenue.

BATTERY — At about 11 a.m. o cers responded to the 500 block or San Pablo Avenue on reports of a confrontation between an employed and a customer in front of a busine. They arrested a 34-year-old Richmond woman for battery.

■ VANDALISM — During the right someone keyed a black 2005 Honda Civic parked in a parking garage on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ NISSAN RECOVERED City police reported local 1992 Nissan Sentra that he stolen from Albarry. The or notified.

■ TOYOTA RECOVERE

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Weekly summary

Sunday, Jun

### ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

### Monday, May 29

■ RESISTING — At about 11:30 p.m., officers attempted to contact a man near Solano and Ventura avenues for acting suspiclously. He fled when officers approached but was apprehended. He was arrested for resisting an officer.

### Tuesday, May 30

- WOLVO RECOVERED At about 3 a.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Cerrito Street on reports of a blue 2001 Volvo that was parked the wrong way and sticking out into the street. A check found that it had been reported as stolen from Oakland, it did not appear to have been damaged. The car was towed and the owner notified.
- DODGE VAN RECOVERED
- TOYOTA RECOVERED A maroon 1988 Toyota Camry that had been stolen from Emeryville was found on the 900 block of Adams Street. It was towed and the owner
- JAGUAR RECOVERED, DRIVER ■ JAGUAR RECOVERED, DRIVER ARRESTED — At about 3 p.m., officers responded to an accident on the 700 block of Washington Avenue involving a black Jaguar. A check found that it had been stolen. They arrested the driver, a 35-year-old Redding man, for grand theft.
  ■ THEFT — A 32-year-old Oakland man was arrested at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore for cutting open a GPS tracking system and putting it into his pocket. He was also found to be in possession of a woman's Social Security card and

driver's license. He was arrested for burglary, grand theft, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and pos-session of stolen property. ■ DISORDERLY CONDUCT -- Offi-

cers responded to a residence on the 700 block of Madison Street on reports of an altercation involving a verbal argument and the use of pepper spray. They arrested a 56-year-old Albany man outside the front door for being intoxicated and unlawful use of pepper spray.

### Thursday, June 1

- HONDA STOLEN During the night, someone stole a black 1997 Honda parked on the 1300 block of Dartmouth Street. There were no wit
- DUI, DRUGS At about 10:30

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  p.m. officers arrested a 45-year-old

  Fairfield man driving a gray 2004 Toyota Scion on the 400 block of Cornell

  Avenue for suspicion of DUI and drug

### Friday, June 2

- AUTO BREAK-IN During the night someone broke into a white 1993 Subaru Legacy parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue.
- AUTO BREAK-IN Someone stole a CD player and other items out of an unlocked 1998 Honda Accord parked in a garage on the 400 block of Stannage Avenue.

### Saturday, June 3 ■ HONDA RECOVERED — While in

# ■ MUSTANG STOLEN — At about 3:30 p.m. someone stole a silver 2004 Mustang parked on the 600 THE JOURNAL

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# Mrs. Dittmer's list or summer reading

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a search for Herman Calloway, the man he believes is his father. With the Great Depression as the backdrop, Curtis shows how humor and hope help Bud through the tough times.

Also: "Esperanza Rising" by Pam Munoz Ryan.

Sixth grade: "The Watsons Go To Birmingham" by Christopher Paul Curtis. The Watson family of Flint, Mich., is a normal, middle-class African-American family with three children who tease one another, support one another, and at times drive their parents to distraction. One summer they set off to visit relatives in Birmingham, Ala. Unfortunately, it is the summer of 1963.

Also: "A Long Way From Chicago" by Richard Peck.

Seventh grade: "The Giver" by Lois Lowry. Jonah lives in a tightly controlled society where there is no pain, no war and no free will. At age 12, all young people are assigned occupations, and he is chosen to become the "receiver" of the community's memories. As he learns about the true pleasures and pains of life, he is changed forever.

Also: "The Shadow Spinner" by Susan Fletcher.

Eighth grade: "A Separate Peace" by John Knowles. Gene and Phineas are two very good friends who are students at a prep school in New England in 1942. In this year of war, a subtle unconscious rivalry emerges between the two, with devastating consequences.

Also: "Under the Persimmon Tree" by Suzanne Staples.

"Above all, keep reading to your children, no matter how old they are," says Mrs.
Dittmer. "It creates a wonderful connection. I mean, you're going to lose them eventually when they're 16 or 17; but there's no reason why you shouldn't read Sherlock Holmes to your eighth grader."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail

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## Student to visit Japan for speech contest

Lauren Burkhart of Kensington, a senior at the College Preparatory School in Oakland, will represent the United States at the Japanese Speech Contest in Tokyo this summer. She earned the honor by winning the third annual Aurora Foundation National Japanese Language High School Speech Contest.

As the national winner, Lauren will compete in Tokyo with all expenses paid for by JSA. Lauren also received a trophy and a scholarship of \$500 from the Aurora Foundation. The national contest is open to nonnative speakers of Japanese who do not have a Japanese parent and have not had more than six months of schooling in Japan after age 6 and are currently in high school.

Burkhart began studying Japanese when she was 12, and will continue those studies when she enters Carleton College this fall.

GOING OUT ON A HIGH
NOTE: Keith Johnson stepped
down as director of the jazz
program at Portola Middle
School this week, an announcement that brought
groans from parents and students at the school's band concert on June 1.

Then again, it's going to be
hard to top what Johnson's
charges have accomplished this
year.

charges have accomplished this year.

Portola's jazz ensemble spent Memorial Day weekend at the Heritage Music Festival in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Portola, one of only two middle schools to enter the competition and the only middle school jazz entry, came away with top honors. In all there were 75 entries, most being high school band, orchestra or choir groups. The ensemble took the festival's Gold Award (deemed unanimous superior by the judges), the Adjudicators Award for achieving an average score of 92 or greater, and was also honored as the



MAUREEN MAI, 12, is cheered as she hops toward the finish line during the Harding Elementary Olympics on May 31 in El Cerrito. Seventy-five children competed in events such as the bunny hop race, three-legged race, potato sack race, and other races, which awarded the participants with medals or ribbons. The Olympics raised more than \$6,500 to support arts, music and science programs



HADLEY BLANGY, 11, right, struggles along with other competitors in the balloon race during the Harding Elementary Olympics.

of the highest scores in the festival's history, getting 98 of 100 from every judge.

FILM SHOWING: The Hillside Community Church in El
Cerrito will show the film "The
End of Suburbia" at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday. The church is located at 1422 Navellier St.
Subtitled "The Depletion of
Oil and the Collapse of the American Dream," the 2003 Canadian
documentary examines the impact of energy growing more expensive and scarce in the United
States.

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### Third-graders swim through class

Every year, the entire third-grade class at Castro Elementary School takes swimming lessons at the El Cerrito pool.

The activity, which occurs near the end of the school year after the completion of academic testing, is funded by the Castro PTA. There is no charge to students, although a voluntary contribution is urged of families that can afford to help support the program, which has increased in cost during the years.

The third grade swimming lessons are a tradition dating back more than 30 years, organizers say. The exception was a single year when the pool was under renovation, but that year's third-graders got to do the program the following year, as fourth-graders. The program consists of daily one-hour lessons during a two-week period, with a few minutes of free time at the end. About 50 students are enrolled in the program this year — two third-grade classes and



RUSSELL ALHAMBRA, 9, practices kicking at the El Cerrito community pool last week.

the third-grade half of a split class. The goal is "educating the whole child," organizers say. The program covers water safety, healthy activities and skills de-velopment.

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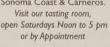


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### **GUEST COMMENTARY**

# Racial bias endures in Bay Area transit

By Keith Carson

Firty YEARS AGO, Rosa
Parks did not give up her
seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., and public transportation, more specifically
buses, became the stage from
which the civil-rights movement was launched. The paradox is that today, discrimination is alive and well in
mass-transit bus service.
In the Bay Area, for in-

In the Bay Area, for instance, a federal civil-rights lawsuit is pending in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco, charging that the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (which plans and allocates the majority of funding for the area's transit needs) supports a "separate and unequal transit system" that discriminates against poor transit riders of color.

I am proud to write that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors joined a growing chorus of East Bay-elected officials—more than 30 in the past year alone—who have called on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to treat low-income bus riders equitably in its funding practices. On May 23, by a vote of 3 to 1, our board adopted a resolution requesting that MTC increase the allocation of public funds so that low-income and minority AC Transit passengers receive a substantial increase in subsidy levels provided to users of BART and Caltrain.

We did so to reinforce the cry for fair treatment by those who depend on the bus daily to conduct one's basic needs, among which are getting to work or school every day. Most of these families are fighting their way out of poverty, yet they are the first to suffer from service cuts and fare hikes. More often than not, these individuals live on the margins. If bus service is not made more reliable and inexpensive, moderate income folks will not use it, and lower-income folks, with no alternatives, will continue to pay more for less service.

Those of us who are already ravaged by the increases in gas prices, housing prices, the closing of our inner-city schools, bear the brunt of these decisions. The bottom line is that society pays either way: We pay on the front end with the increasing costs as I just described, or we pay on the back end with increasing high

school dropout rates, increasing unemployment, and increasing violence in our communities. These are the costs of disparity; more often than not, these are the ones living on the

these are the ones living on the margins.

Supporters of our resolution note that funding decisions by MTC have left AC Transit bus riders with lower per-passenger subsidies, and lower levels of service, than the predominantly affluent riders of BART and Caltrain. While AC Transit bus riders receive a per-passenger public subsidy of \$2.78, BART and Caltrain passengers receive subsidies of \$6.14 and \$13.79, respectively.

I believe that the Bay Area has two 'separate and unequal' transit systems: an expanding rail system, Caltrain and BART, for relatively affluent communities, and a less financially supported bus system for low-income people. More than 60 percent of adult riders of AC Transit are transit-dependent, and more than 70 percent are from households with extremely low or very low incomes.

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from households with extremely low or very low incomes.

In short, a majority of AC Transit's passengers depend on AC Transit's vital bus services. In addition, about 80 percent of AC Transit's riders are people of color. These passengers receive a fraction of the public subsidy that riders of Caltrain and BART enjoy, and have experienced a steady reduction in essential transit services while their rail counterparts have benefited from expanded service.

The resolution that we at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors passed requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission make use of its extensive authority in the area of transportation finance, project planning and selection, and legislative advocacy to ensure that each transit passenger, regardless of income or ethnicity, receives an equitable subsidy of public dollars and equal access to vital transit services. I believe that until public transit is free for all, we must work toward the goal that everyone in the Bay Area has equal access to a first-class, safe, dependable public-transit system.

To get a copy of the resolution of to find out more, please

To get a copy of the resolu-tion or to find out more, please e-mail Lara Sim on my staff at lara.sim@acgov.org.

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### THERE ARE RUMBLINGS OF THE ATHLETICS MOVING FROM OAKLAND TO FREMONT



You know the city of Fremon was named after John C. Fren the explorer.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What they didn't tell us

What they didn't tell us

When the Albany waterfront initiative sponsors were asking voters to sign petitions to put the initiative on the ballot in November, they didn't tell voters that:

The initiative doesn't say it would give us a park, although those collecting signatures said, 'Do you want a park or amal?'' So, naturally, the signers thought they would get a park.

The initiative doesn't say it will ensure that the tax money now coming to Albany's schools and government will be replaced if the racetrack were to be replaced by a park. It won't even ensure that the tax money needed to purchase, develop and maintain a park would come from any place other than our local taxes.

Do you still think you want a park?

Those who signed the petition don't have to vote for the initiative if it appears on the ballot. They have time before November to read the initiative or to find out about it from people who have read it, to get a good understanding of what it really will do — since it won't give us a park — and then they can vote against it.

The initiative sponsors also didn't tell voters how much it would cost the city to pay for the studies called for by the initiative or where that money would come from, except out of our local taxes. How many frefighters, police officers and teachers and how many street improvement projects are we willing to give up to this initiative?

There is still plenty of time to find out what this initiative would actually do and what it would actually cost before we get stuck with it. You've all heard the saying: "Be careful what you wish for; you might get it."

### Albany waterfront

Albany waterfront

A widespread misconception hangs over Albany regarding the Caruso Affiliated project proposed for Golden Gates Fields property.

Many people believe this project would be built on the Albany Bulb, where so many of us walk, often with our canine friends. That land, which extends into the Bay north and west of the street marked for two-hour parking, is owned by the city of Albany and the East Bay Parks District. The project has nothing to do with this land. Albany also owns that street into the area.

The Caruso project is planned for Golden Gate Fields' parking lot and land that surrounds the grandstand. The plans call for maintaining much of the open space down to the beach and creating a park on Fleming Point, which sits west of the grandstand.

I urge anyone, regardless of your vote on this project, to stop in at the Caruso offices at 1600 Solano Avenue. You can talk to the staff and look at the project crawings to ensure that all your questions are answered fully. Please call 510-526-8079 first to make sure someone is there.

Christina Van Horn Albany

### Stop intimidation

More than 2,400 registered Albany voters signed a petition to place an initiative on the November ballot that would require a specific plan to protect the waterfront from excessive development.

Now Magna lawyers are suing the city to stop the right of Albany citizens from

voting on the initiative, using the pretext that the initiative was improperly posted in the West County Times.

The city of Albany has been using the Times for its official public postings for years. Albany's administrative staff informed Citizens for the Albany Shoreline that the Times was the official paper of record.

record.

Magna is trying to take away the right of Albany citizens to vote on waterfront planning. We can't let it intimidate the staff of the city of Albany and its voters from following a democratic process.

Joanne Wile Albany

### Bush's half-measures with illegals

President Bush should take verifiable measures to secure our southern border before pushing a guest-worker program. Moreover, all illegal aliens in the United States should be barred permanently from getting citizenship. And any comprehensive immigration reform needs to include constitutional changes to ensure only the children of U.S. citizens be granted U.S. citizenship automatically. The abuse of Mexican women illegally crossing the border to have children in U.S. hospitals is infuriating.

I find myself shocked by Bush's half-measures to protect our country against this invading horde. He may yet prove me wrong, but I think the president is aiding and abetting criminal activity for political reasons.

Pandering to Hispanic voters places his brother, Jeb Bush, in a stronger position for a presidential bid. The president has compromised our nation's security and our very identify in an effort to perpetuate the Bush dynasty in the White House. How repulsive!

The president should restore his credibility by putting 30,000 border patrol agents on the Mexican border. Forget the National Guard; if they can't patrol and fire their weapons, they are useless.

And put up a fence the entire length of the border. A 2,000-mile fence, at \$3 million a mile, is a mere \$6 billion — a drop in the bucket compared with the amount of money we have flushed down the loo in Iraq!

Greg Engargiola

Greg Engargiola El Cerrito

### Bill would tear families apart

I am writing this letter in response to the current events that have arisen with the introduction of the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, HR 4437. I have been following the events sur-rounding the bill closely and upon dis-

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would affect the families and finel these immigrants.

Families will be broken apar mothers and fathers who are not Us izens will be deported, while the aid that they have borne here in the US tates will become immediate oph Those who are lucky have relains are U.S. citizens but the unlody, will be placed in the foster care spound to the could have untold reperus for the child.

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How can a bill be passed that we legalize the tearing apart of familia urge everyone to read for themselve implications of this bill and person the information you receive: What were your mother, father, best friend family member?

Christina Abdet

### War in Iraq

President Bush has utterly faresponsibility as commander in He sent our troops to war was proper equipment, based on flar curate intelligence and no plant to the proper service and popular to the proper service are being for the property of the property

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rorists.

Our troops, our allies and the can people deserve better.

The president can't make up mistakes that led us to war in in he can stop ignoring the facts if the experts and ignoring the fact concerns of the American people every American is strugging to every American is strugging to at what point can our troops begin turn home?

And he needs to do that sooget than later, because our troops at ting what they deserve from this istration.

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What is perhaps most interesting to me is the idea of a special library. Being a public librariant, I understood little about this category of libraries until I went to library school, and even then I wasn't quite clear on what they do.

A good place to get an idea is on the SLA Web site, where the member profile includes a description of the range of libraries that fall into this category: "SLA's members work for corporations, private companies, government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, technical and academic institutions, museums, law firms and medical facilities."

All sorts of companies have special librarians — also called information professionals or IPs — who do research, organize and document collections, and provide information for people inside or outside the company. The SLA Web site also gives a great description of these librarians and their jobs by providing both a short and very long explanation of what an IP does. The short version includes: "An IP strategically uses information in this done through the development, deployment and management of information resources and services . . . "

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In addition, on the Web site is a 1914 piece by John Cotton Dana, whose name is on the annual library marketing awards. This article was printed in one of the earliest editions of SLA's magazine "Special Libraries," and it is called "The Evolution of the Special Library." This document is fascinating in part because many of the ideas are as relevant today as they were then. The methods may have changed but these libraries — like public libraries — remain as critical for our society as ever.

Reach librarian Julie Winkel-stein at jwinkelstein@acli-

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**Albany Library** 

1247 Marin Ave. 510-526-3720 or www.aclibrary.org

Hours: Mondays, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, closed; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Musician and teacher Mandy Cheung and students will use traditional Chinese instruments to perform a variety of enchanting and fascinating pieces on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. See and hear the Guzheng, a multi-stringed zither indigenous to China, as well as the four-stringed pear-shaped bent-necked Pipa. This is the first in a series eight special summer Tuesday evening programs for children and others. It is free, and no registration is required.

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The Puppet Company will present
"Fantasy on Strings," a magical excursion with a variety of 3 feet tail,
fully articulated marionettes, including
dragons, disco dancing ducks and
tap-dancing skeletons, on Tuesday,
June 27, at 7 p.m. The performance
will use cabaret-style puppetry—
where the audience sees the puppeter dance and perform with the
marionette. This is the second event
in a series of eight special summer
Tuesday evenings for children and
others.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with Dale Allen Boland. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration re-quired. Call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

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■ Prop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

### El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave. 510-526-7512 or www.ccclib.org Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri-days, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Magic and giant puppets come to the library Saturday at 11 a.m. when ventriloquist Tony Borders presents his show "Talk to the Animals!" Children of all ages and their parents are invited to enjoy the show and learn more about the Contra Costa County Library's 2006 Kids' Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales."

Jeremy Shafer will present a one-man show Saturday at noon featuring transforming origami, juggling, magic, comedy, unicycling and more. The program is free for all teens in grades 6 through 12.

■ The library will offer a series of Monday evening story times from June 26-July 31 at 7 p.m. for ages 3 and older.

Readers Anonymous book club

meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Future titles: June 27: "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson; July 25: "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hourlong appointments Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

### Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave. 510-524-3043 or www.ccclib.org

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

to 5 p.m.

The next meeting of the library's book club will be Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m. The group will discuss "A Fine Balance" by Rohinton Mistry, Future titles: July 24: "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London; Aug. 28: "How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents" by Julia Alvarez; Sept. 25: "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; Oct. 23: "The Plano Tuner" by David Mason.

Pastel paintings by Oakley artist

Tuner" by David Mason.

Pastel paintings by Oakley artist
Nancy Roberts will be featured
through June 15 at the library. In her
"Delta Series," Roberts explores the
intricate structure of bare trees and
shimmering reflections, while her still
ilfes and florals present a lively new
take on familiar subjects.

"Castoffs," the library's knitting
club, meets the first Monday of every
month at 7 p.m.

The library invites you to kick off

The library invites you to kick off the summer reading program with Desert Dave and some of his highly original pets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

mal Friends.\*

The library launches a series of Saturday afternoon programs at 2 p.m. June 24 when Guide Dogs for the Blind of Marin County presents Jan Robitscher and her seeing-eye dog Christmas. The East Bay Guide Dog Raisers' Club presents a visit with a puppy being raised for service on July 8 with Cindy Sevilla. And meet some real wild animals courtesy of The Oakland Zoo on July 22.

### **Contra Costa County**

Contra Costa County

Contra Costa County Library's summer reading program will run June 12 – Aug. 21. Follow the animal tracks on your reading record to fun and prizes during the kids reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales," for children through grade 5. See what's furking around the corner for all teens who read during "Creature Feature: Teens Read 2006," for teens in grades 6-12. The library system also introduces the first annual adult reading program for everyone age 18 and older. Simply read and submit a raffle ticket for your chance to win exciting prizes in weekly countywide drawings held throughout the summer. For more information or to get started, please contact your community library: call 800-984-4636 or visit www.ccclib.org.

—Craig Lazzerett

E-mail library activity items to journal@cctimes.com, or fax to 510-262-2776, or mail to The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806.

# Panoramic views await hikers at Crockett park

WIND-COMBED grass-lands, bay-oak wood-lands and miles of hiking trails with panoramic views of San Pablo Bay are among the attractions at the new Crockett Hills Regional Park, which is now open to the public.

Located just south of the town of Crockett, the 1,720-acre park was acquired by the East Bay Regional Park District working with local community groups. Most of the property formerly belonged to the C&H Sugar Company. Crockett Boulevard and Cummings Skyway bisect the park, which runs from Crockett south to Highway 4.

Besides preserving some beautiful lands in open space, Crockett Hills includes another two miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, extending the trail's total distance to a benchmark 300 miles. As its name implies, the Ridge Trail will eventually traverse ridgetops



all the way around San Francisco Bay.

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Currently, there is only one access to Crockett Hills Regional Park. It's the Crockett Ranch staging area, located just south of town on Crockett Boulevard. The staging area has picnic tables, drinking water, toilets and an information panel. From there, the Crockett Ranch Trail leads to an extensive trail network via a tunnel under Cummings Skyway. The trails are multiuse, open to hik-

ers, bicyclists and horseback riders.

There are beautiful views of San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Mt. Diablo, the Berkeley Hills and Mt. Tamalpais. There's lots of wildlife, too, with hawks, golden eagles and vultures riding the thermals, and deer hiding in the ravines. So take some time soon to explore Crockett Hills. It's a great addition to the East Bay Regional Parks.

For a folk-oriented musical experience, check out the Sunol Wilderness Folk Festival, scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County.

The festival will feature a variety of folk arts, starting with ballet folklorico from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Other performances will include banjo player Gary Ohliger, the Sidesaddle Bluegrass Band, square dancing with Mike Arnell, and finally Native American storytelling and music by Albert Tanaya from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

The performances are free. Sunol has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. There will be food available for purchase. Bring a picnic blanket or low-backed lawn chair.

Sunol Regional Wilderness is located on Geary Road off Calaveras Road five miles south of the town of Sunol and Inter-

state 680. For more information, phone the park at 925-862-2244.

Wildcat Camyon Regional Park will be the venue for a hilly 5½-mile hike this Saturday led by naturalist Bethany Facendini, in search of wildlife and late-season wildflowers. If you're interested, meet Bethany at 9 a.m. at the park's Alvarado staging area, which is located on Park Avenue off McBryde Avenue east of Interstate 80 in Richmond. Bring a lunch, water and sunscreen, and wear comfortable hiking shoes. The hike will last until about 2 p.m.

Then on Tuesday, the Overthe-Hills Gang will explore Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve in the Oakland hills. The gang is an informal group of hikers aged 55 and older interested in nature study, history, fitness and fun, led by Dave Zuckermann, the supervising naturalist at Tilden Regional Park.

For the Sibley hike, meet at 10 a.m. at the park entrance, which is on Skyline Boulevard a short distance south of the intersection with Grizzly Peak Boulevard in the Oakland hills. For more information on the Wildcat Canyon or Sibley hike, phone 510-525-2233.

Ned MacKay writes about East Bay Regional Park District sites

Ned MacKay writes about East Bay Regional Park District sites and activities. E-mail him at nedmackay@comcast.net.

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For more information, Douglas Moss at 510-

Alan Lopez

JOG Residents can run ir opin the Dog Jog in as part of the city's analy 4 events. The events held at Memorial Park, linclude family games, linktank, entertainment, tasss and a climbing wall. log jog will include a one mile course, a dog-agility tittion, photo opportunity of the course, and the course in the course of the course, and the course in the course of the

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ACADEMIA: Edward Aaron
Hess, a sophomore at HampdenSydney College, was named to
the dean's list for the second semester of the 2005-2006 academic year. To earn this distinction,
students must achieve at least a
3.3 semester grade point average.

age.
Edward graduated from Bent-ley School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hess of Albany.

— Craig Lazzeretti

ARTIST OPENS STUDIO: Albany artist Carole Fitzgerald will open her studio at 906 Madison St. on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., as part of the East Bay Open Studios event.
Fitzgerald will introduce her limited edition prints of the "Albany Hill Series," a group of four pictures of the local flora and

www.mesart.com/cfitzgerald.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION: HIGH SCHOOL REUNION: The Albany High School class of 1976 will host the Reunion of the Decade for those who grad-uated from 1970 to 1979 on the weekend of June 30-July 2 in Al-bany.

bany.

The major event will be Saturday, July 1, at the Turf Club of Golden Gate Fields. For an \$85 ticket, graduates will be served hors d'oeuvres at an open bar at 6 p.m., followed by buffet dinner and dessert at 8 and dancing to live music with a 70s beat by the Xecutive Sweet.

Tickets will not be sold after Thursday, Payment may be made via Pay Pal or checks may be

mailed to Nancy Paul/Albany High 70s Reunion, c/o Nancy Pruyn Paul, 2722 MacKinnon Ranch Road, Cardiff by the Sea, CA, 92007.

CA, 92007.

Additional information is posted at www.ahs1970sre-union.com. Other activities include individual class get-togethers on Friday, June 30, beginning at 6 p.m. (Check the Web site for locations); picnic and softball on Sunday, July 2, at Memorial Park beginning at 11 a.m. (bring your own beef, buns, briquettes, baseball and bat).

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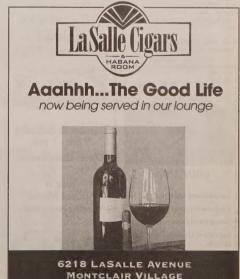


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# Rotary members bound for New Orleans to rebuild school

Berkeley chapter adopts a historic high school

By Martin Snapp

Thirty-three members of the Berkeley Rotary Club, plus family and friends, are heading to New Orleans to bring a historic high school in an African-American neighborhood back to life. The first work party left Tuesday; the rest will follow early next week.

week.
For two weeks, they will shore up beams, install fixtures, paint walls, repair the roof, and do whatever else is necessary to restore 162-year-old Warren Easton High, a designated national landmark that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Many of the volunteers are old hands at such labor, previously having built hospitals and schools as part of the Berkeley Rotary Club's ongoing project in Chacala, Mexico.

as part of the Berkeley Rotary Club's ongoing project in Chacala, Mexico.

"The people in New Orleans are caught in a Catch-22," said club president Pate Thomson.

"The city doesn't want to reopen the school until there are students to serve; but on the other hand, people don't want to come back until there's a school for their children to go to."

The Berkeley Rotary Club has been involved in Hurricane Katrina relief since the crisis began. Within days after the storm struck last summer, the board of directors held an emergency meeting

HOW TO HELP:

Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment Fund, with the notation "for disaster relief and preparedness," PO. Box 11706, Berkeley CA 94712.

to plan its response.
Rotarian Larry Goldenberg, who owns a telephone answering service, donated a phone bank to collect funds for the Red Cross. The phone lines were staffed by volunteers from the club.
"My favorite call was from a little girl in Wisconsin," said Linnea Graf of Piedmont, whose husband, Grier, is leading the Warren Easton High rebuilding project. "She said, 'I'm going to give \$5.' Then she thought for a long while and said, 'I gotta do better than that. Make'it \$8."

The phone bank raised \$90,000 for the Red Cross. The Rotarians also reached into their own pockets and kicked in another \$18,000.
Over the longer haul, the club cooperated with the city's Hurricane Katrina Relief Office to aid the approximately 140 evacuees from New Orleans who ended up in Berkeley, many of whom arrived dazed and with only the shirts on their backs.

The victims were assisted in making contact with FEMA and the Red Cross; children were connected with schools; short-term and long-term housing was found; and food, clothing, school sup-



BERKELEY ROTARY CLUB members are traveling to New Orleans to help repair historic Warren Easton High School. Pictured, from left, are club members Moe Orenstein, Grier Graff, Pate Thomson, Linnea Graff, Reg Garcia, Judy Thomson and George Lunar.

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school year. Please clear up any charges that your child may have for their lunches or library books. All ac-counts to be clear before the last day

of school.

LOST AND FOUND: Please come and look through our lost-and-found box. It is overflowing. Items will be given away to a local charity after June 16.

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their report cards. Please clear up any
outstanding charges by Friday, and
keep up to date for the remaining

Linnea Graff, Reg Garcia, Judy Thomson and George Lunar.

plies, transportation and pots and pans were provided.

"Our goal was to fill the 'gap needs' that FEMA and the Red Cross didn't provide," Thomson said.

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Meanwhile, the club had already embarked on its next phase: sending work teams to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding. Only one problem: They could-based on the club and of the Piedmont School Board. "But most of the New Orleans club, inscluding the president, lost their homes like everyone else. Out of more than 200 members before Katrina, there are probably only about 60 left."

Enter Sallie Weissinger of Al-Enter Sallie Weissinger of Al-

bany. Though not a Rotarian herself, she had previously participated in some of the club's work parties in Chacala.

"Hey, I have a friend in New Orleans named Dick McCarthy who grew up across the street from me," she said. "He's a Rotarian. I'll call him."

As it turned out, McCarthy and the other Rotarians remaining in New Orleans had "adopted" Warren Easton High as their rebuilding project, and they eagerly accepted the offer of help from their

scene.
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### ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

### Albany High School

EARTH SCIENCE COMPETITION: Al-barry High School students recently participated in the National Science League, Earth Science competition. Of the 65 schools that entered nation wide, Albarry High School's A Team came in eighth place. Congratulation to lan Allen, Jackie Quinn, Elise Cai, Alex Tarczynski.

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FILM PRESENTATION: Embracing Diversity Films presents "Out of the Shadow," on Thursday, June 15, from 7-9:30 p.m. in the library. Award-winning filmmaker Susan Smiley chronicles her mother's suffering from paranoid schizophrenia. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion, and admission is free. For information, contact Sally Douglas Arce at 510-527-1328, Maxime Tattmon-Cilkerson at 510-5243-0797 or www.outoftheshadow.com. For information about Embracing Diversity Films, contact

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The school is

### Albany Middle School

SOLAR CAR RACE: Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Solar Car Race at the Lawrence Hall of Science: Alia McKean, Amanda Jacobs, Joe Riggio-Kerley, Jeff Cooper and Kurati Chaichana. There were 25 teams from Bay Area schools, and all three teams from AMS reached the fi-

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

■ Albany Senior Center — Week-days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 846 Masonic Ave. Literature, writing memoirs, line dancing, exercise, art. Wednesday, Traditional Circle Dance will be at 10:30 a.m. 510-524-9122.

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PROMOTION EXERCISE: The promotion exercise is on June 15 from 5-6 p.m. at the Albany High School gym. A second information sheet regarding the promotion exercise went out to children last week. Tickets were distributed last Friday. Remember: entry to the graduation exercise is by ticket only. Please return any tickets that you do not need to the office as soon as possible.

of the year, Eat on the Field Day and Hawaiian Day.

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: The winners of this year's seventh grade Cobra Shakespeare Festival are: best tragedy — Murder of Julius Caesar, Ms. Gray's class; best comedy, within a play — A Midsummer Night's Dream, Camille, Audrey, April, Kayla, and Dorothy, best treatment of script (a tie) — Murder of Caesar Julius Caesar, Aiden, Cory, Michael, Mohammad and Tim, and Juliet on the Balcony (Romeo and Juliet), Gillian.

### Cornell Elementary

MEDICINE PICK-UP: If your child has medicine in the first aid room, please be advised that the school will discard all medicine, including inhalers, at the end of this school year, June 16. Please pick up any remaining doses on the last day of school. LUNCH CHARGES: Lunch charges are no longer allowed for the rest of the

Gladys Ave. Sit-down exercises, con versational Spanish, and card and table games. Massage; \$7 for 15 minutes. There will be bingo Tues-day. 510-237-3808.

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■ The Open House — Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 6500 Stockton Ave. Computer classes; monthly tea dance; se nior excursions; hiking; kayaking; art classes. 510-215-4340.

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LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost-and-found bins in the kindergarten hallway for lunch boxes, clothing tems and miscellaneous items. The office has a lost-and-found drawer you may check for small items such as jewely, keys, phones, watches, wallets, etc. All lost and found items will be packed up for charity by 3:30 on Friday, June 16.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Registration forms (for new incoming students) for the fall can be turned in to the summer school office at Cornell when Ocean View is closed. Students who are already attending Ocean View School do not need to fill out another registration form; however, Ocean

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SCHOOLCARE: For those advance planners, mark your calendars now si you won't miss SchoolCARE's third annual Noche Tropical — a party full of food, music and incredible silent auction items. Noche Tropical is scheduled for Saturday, Now, 4, 7-10 p.m. As school sites complete their wish lists for funding starting in the fall, now is the time to make your School CARE contribution, if you haven't already done so. Envelopes are available in the office at your school site, or you can mail a check to SchoolCARE, 1563 Solano Avenue 4537, Albany, CA 94707. For information, visit

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# Tension develops on waterfronts Conservation groupe

for prime real estate in the East Bay

By Kiley Russell

For decades, the East Bay shoreline from Oakland to Antioch was known more for oil refineries and longshoremen than quaint waterfront neighborhoods and soccer moms.

The region's growth has been dominated since the 1950s by eastward expansion as first one ring of suburbs and then another sprung up over the hills, moving ever farther from the region's industrial heartland and urban core.

During the past several years, however, as cities cast about for the last scraps of developable parcels, municipalities have discovered large tracts of unoccupied industrial land at the water's edge. This renewed interest in the waterfront has sparked some fierce debates about what kind of development, if any, should be allowed there.

"These are ... some of the last remaining open shoreline on the Bay. From an environmental standpoint, these areas are ones that to the maximum should be preserved as open space and public areas," said Norman LaForce, an East Bay Sierra Club representative.

"For 25 years, what you're seeing is the privatization of the shoreline," LaForce said. "Yes, there is maybe the Bay Trail and a few parks that enhance the value for the developers, but it's all in the context of private development."

In Richmond, the city is planning more than 2,500 new housing units and 17,000 square feet of commercial space along its shoreline. In Hercules, the city has built or is planning mearly 1,000 townhouses and single-family homes, up to 95,000 square feet of commercial and 60,000 square feet of commercial space and a transit hub with ferry, bus and passenger train connections on about 100 acres near the Bay.

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Albany is struggling with plans for a large retail and housing complex to replace parking lots along the city's shoreline at Golden Gate Fields racetrack. And Contra Costa County is planning a \$13 million redevelopment project for Rodeo that will include eight blocks of major reconstruction along the main commercial boulevard.

LaForce is part of a group that opposes the Albany development and helped create the 1,800-acre Eastshore State Park that runs along the edge of the Bay from Oakland to Richmond. He is also critical of Richmond, which he says is "hell bent on developing the shoreline."

Richmond — along with all of its waterfront neighbors — is trying to find a way to balance accessible open space, industry, retail and housing, said the city's Planning Director Richard Mitchell.

"It's a universal discussion," Mitchell said. "To me, there's

dry's Planning Director Richard Mitchell.

"It's a universal discussion," Mitchell said. "To me, there's room for all of it... There's a tremendous amount of room for open space. I think we've got to look at residential and commercial construction because that's where people want to be. We can't just close the door."

In the next three to five years, Richmond expects to see a lot more residential and commercial building.

"A lot of people want to move closer to the Bay and



THE SANDPIPER SPIT development juts out of the water recently in Richmond. Waterfront propertie draw land-use issues in coastal cities.

closer to the city centers," he said.

One of the latest waterfront fights has evolved over the 238-acre Breuner Marsh in North Richmond. The developer who owns the land wants to rezone it to build homes and retail shops. Recently, the East Bay Regional Parks District voted to acquire the land by eminent domain to keep it open space.

"Different towns and different desires for what they want to see along the waterfront. Some towns have very detailed policies about the waterfront and some don't," said Bob Batha, chief of permits for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

"A uniform approach is not particularly desirable. Getting individuality and the desires of the local community expressed along the Bay is a good thing."

The commission's job is to ensure the "maximum feasible public access" to the waterfront no matter what type of development is approved by the local governments, Batha said.

"Generally, I think we're doing really well," he said. "My memory is that he waiter show mas created 40 years ago when there was eight miles of accessible (shoreline). Now, it's over 100."

The East Bay shoreline north of Emeryville is an incongruent but enticing mix of heavy industry, old maritime outposts, dilapidated and forgotten pockets of development and sparkling new neighborhoods that share expansive Bay views.

Much like the downtowns of Pittsburg and Antioch, overlooked Rodeo, ambitious Hercules and maligned Richmond share a waterfront cut off from the rest of the region by a freeway system. The challenge for city planners is to build something that will attract people to live and, perhaps more importantly, shop in areas long burdened with reputations for irrelevance and shabbiness.

Hercules, for one, seems to have figured out a crowd pleasing plan.





munity development director.

"(Hercules) encouraged the developer of the waterfront area to come in with a plan for crafting combined historic preservation, transportation and recreation as well as housing at the waterfront and the developer did."

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The result is a neighborhood of narrow, pedestrian friendly streets lined with Craftsman and Victorian-style homes. A new library is planned for a bluff overlooking the Bay and a little "main street" hosts retail shops. — still empty save for a few real estate offices — over town houses.

But controversy dogs even this near-universally applauded in-fill project built on what was once the country's largest dynamite factory. It seems retail giant Wal-Mart wants in on the city's good times.

After vociferous demands from residents that it preserve

the walkable, home-town character of the waterfront neighborhoods, the City Council voted last week to take the giant retail chain's property by eminent domain.

"The waterfront is just so cool," said Steve Kirby of the group Friends of Hercules, which has vowed to prevent Wal-Mart's entry.

"When I think of the waterfont at Jack London Square, it's kind of in the middle of all this industry stuff and the waterfront in San Francisco is surrounded by the downtown. I think the Hercules waterfront can be a really unique destination."

"It think it's very important to have cities with enough autonomy that they can set a vision and have developers come in and fulfill that vision."





# next million acres of

By Denis Cuff

SAN FRANCISCO — Announcing a milestone that the Bay Area has protected I million acres of open space, a coalition of conservation agencies and groups said last Friday that it plans to preserve a million more. The conservation plan is one of the most ambitious in an American urban area.

If successful, it would leave 46 percent of Bay Area land dedicated to open space such as parks, trails, nature preserves, playgrounds, water reservoir buffers and agricultural preserves, according to the Bay Area Open Space Council.

The group includes 55 park and open space agencies and conservation groups.

Leaders of the coalition said more land needs to be set aside so the region's growing population has places to exercise, reduce stress, avoid obesity, and grow fresh food close to home. Wildlife needs protected spaces, too, to sustain their populations, council members said.

"If has taken us 100 years to protect the first million acres. Now we need to protect another million," said Ron Brown, the open space council's chairman, at the group's annual conference in the Presidio.

Brown also is executive director of a nonprofit land trust that protects land on and around Mount Diablo.

Council members said it will take years, and quite possibly decades, to accomplish the goal. It will also require money from state bond measures and grants, federal allocations, county taxes, and nonprofit and private donations.

A computer analysis by the council found that for the first time, the region has surpassed the milestone of 1 million acres of protected open space.

Those lands include places such as Tilden Park in the hills between Berkeley and Orinda, beaches at Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, grape vineyards in Livermore Valley's agricultural zones, and smaller areas such as softball fields in Concord.

The council did further analysis to conclude that it is possible — and warranted — to protect another million acres.

"This is our vision. We need to partner and collaborate with a lot of groups to implement it," sai

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Mensington Symphony Concert —
June 10, 8 p.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El
Cerrito. Features music of Schumann,
Brahms. Suggested donation \$10-\$15.
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Philharmonia Chamber Players —
June 10, 10:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way,
Berkeley, Viva Vivaldi: Concertl by
Candielight featuring David Tayler, Lute;
Hanneke van Proosdil, recorder, Tanya
Tomkins, cello. Tickets \$20-\$40; 510642-9988, bb.cberkeley,edu. Discounts
given to UC Berkeley affiliates, students, seniors and Berkeley Festival
subscription purchasers.

Il Musica Pacifica — "A Venetian Parnival," June 10, 5 p.m., UC Berke-ey's Hertz Hall. Features works by Vi-aldi, Uccellini, Legrenzi, Albinoni, Ve-

Philharmonia Chamber Players —
"Viva Vivaldi - Concerti by Candlelight," June 10, 10:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing
Way, Berkeley, Program Includes
"Four Seasons," solo concerti. Details:
bfx.berkeley.edu.

"Ornament and Splendor: — High-lights of German Music in the 17th Century," June 10, 7:30 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. The King's Noyse, The Whole Noyse perform mu-sic of Praetorius. Details: bfx.berke-

■ Seda Ensemble — "Masterpleces

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Pacific Mozart Ensemble — A
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Mini Concert Series — 8 p.m., Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. June 30, Bay
Area Classical Harmonies performs
Greek & Russian vocal music. Cost:
\$15, \$50 for six concerts, \$2 children
under 16. Details; 510-526-9146.

### MEETINGS

■ Great War Society — East Bay Chapter Meeting, June 10, 10:30 a.m., 640 Arlington Ave., Berkeley. Topic: "Myths of WWI." Details: 510-527-7118.

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Berkeley High School Site Council — Meeting, June 13, 4:30-6 p.m., room D218, Administration building, Berkeley High School, 1980 Aliston Way, Berkeley, On agenda: 10th grade counseling (SB813), Site Plan Subcommittee report, School Governance Council Proposal. Details: Jane 510-525-0124.

510-524-7296.

■ Berkeley Gray Panthers — June 21, 7 p.m., 1403 Addison St., Berkeley Is Iran Next? with All Mirabdal of Iran-ian-American Community of Northern California. He will explain what is happening and give his view of outcome. Light supper served. — June 28, 1:30 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson talks on "Alameda County: Pressent and Future." — All welcome. Details: 510-548-9696, graypanthersberk@aol.com.

### LEARNING

"Women in Politics" — June 9, 9
a.m.-5 p.m.; June 10, 9 a.m.-4:30
p.m.; Faculty Club, Heyns Room, UC
Berkeley. Conference co-hosted by UC
Berkeley. Entitute of Governmental
Studies and University of Virginia's
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"A Musical Tapestry — Renaissance and Traditional Music from the British Isles," June 11, 2 p.m., Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley, Susan Rode Morris, soprano; Elisen Hadidlan, recorder & Flute; Shira Kammen, violin; Julis Jeffrey and David Morris, viola da gamba. Tickets: \$10-549-3864, TrinityConcerts@aol.com.

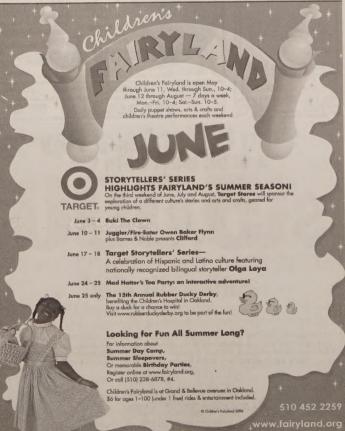
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   Earthquake Retroffitting & Home Safety seminar for homeowners, June 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Topics include: basic retrofit engineering, most advanced retrofit techniques, evaluating an existing retrofit, retrofitting hilliside homes, community resource presentations. Free. Details: \$10-848-1594.

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  Talk: "The Feng Shul of Sacred Land, 
  Sacred Architecture." Benefit for 
  Berkeley Shambhala Meditation Center. \$20. June 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 
  Traditional Chinese Olgong Level 
  One. Sliding scale \$50-\$470. Preregistration: Send check to Berkeley 
  Shambhala Center-Olgong workshop, 
  2828 Fulton St., Berkeley CA 94704. 
  Details: 510-841-3242, 
  berkeley.shambhala.org.
- Details: 510-841-3242, berkeley.shambhala.org. for Bush's America" June 19, 7:30 p.m., Middle East Children's Alliance, 901 Parker St., Berkeley. Robert Meeropol, son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, speaks about dangerous parallels between 1950s and now, role his foundation plays in helping children at risk today because of their parent's progressive activism. With special guest Ronnie Gilbert, formerly of blacklisted folk group The Weavers. Dessert reception. Admission: \$10-\$20. Proceeds benefit Rosenberg Fund for Children. Reservations: 510-548-0542, events@mecaforpeace.org, mecaforpeace.org.
- peace.org.

  Jazz & Popular Music Chorus —
  Through July 24, Mondays 7:30-9:30
  p.m., Albany Community Center,
  1249 Marin Ave, Albany, Class with
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  rock, Motown, acappella for
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### SUPPORT

Burn Support Group — Meets 2nd Tuesdays monthly, 7-8:30 p.m.; starting June 13 in new location, South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., Berkeley, Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundtion's support group for burn survivors and their families. De-tailis: 415-495-7223.

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  with television. Tickets: \$10. Details:
  crowdedfire.org, fivelines.net.

  Baroque Carnival Le Poème
- Baroque Carnival Le Poème Harmonique & Le Centre National des Arts du Cirque, June 9-10, 8 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$15-\$42; 510-642-9988.
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   Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. June 9, 8:30 p.m., 2006 West Coast Beatbox Battles, \$10-\$12. June 10, 9:30 p.m., Halle Maskel and the 101 Band. \$12. June 11, 11 a.m., Bandworks. \$5. June 14, 8:30 p.m., Bandworks. \$5. June 14, 8:30 p.m., Bed Archibald and the internationals. \$9. June 15, 10 p.m., Digital Dave. \$6 June 16, 100 p.m., Digital Dave. \$6 June 16, 1:30 p.m. Sing Dance Lesson, 9:30 p.m. Stompy Jones. \$11.\$13. Details: 510-525-5054.
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  - "Lily, The Felon's Daughter" June 10, 16, 17, 8 p.m.; June 11, 18, 3 p.m.; Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Tom Taggart's melodrama combines 19th Century fun, froilic and music. Tickets: \$20; 800-398-3006, brownpaparticket complement 5000

  - Details: \$10-\$24-2912.

    "Lost Tales: Glimpses from 1000 Ramayanas," June 10, 4 p.m., Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. NATyA performs epic story of Lord Rama, merging three forms of Indian classical dance, Caratica and Jaz zmusic. Tickets; \$12-\$18. Details: \$10-338-4538, natya.info, juliamorgan.org.

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  - natya.info, juliamorgan.org.

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    10, 2 p.m., international House, 2299
    Pledmont Ave., Berkeley. Young musicians demonstrate instruments used
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reservations@natya.info.

■ La Pena Cultural Center — June
10, 10 a.m., Jose-Luis Orozco in famility concert benefiting Centro Vida. \$5\$25. — June 10, 8 p.m., La Pena's
31st birthday celebration. Open
house, free performances by multiple
artists. — June 11, 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m.,
8 p.m.; Cuban dance benefit with Ramon Ramos Alayo, Susana Arenas.
\$15-\$25. — June 14, 7:30 p.m., Cafe
Poetry hosted by Kira Allen. — June
15, 8 p.m., Steve Taylor-Ramirez. \$8\$10. — June 16, 8 p.m., Altipampa.
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June 18, 3:30 p.m., Domingo de
Rumba. — June 18, 6:30 p.m., Lighthouse Community Charter School
benefit concert with Jesus Diaz. \$40.
— June 21, 7 p.m., screening of "Tijuna Jews," "Jal," "Deep Sea." \$5\$6. — June 22, 8 p.m., Akosua. \$8\$10. June 23, 9 p.m., Pellejo Seco.
\$12, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Details: lapena.org or 510-849-2568.
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  Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave.,
  Berkeley. Performance by 1st year
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  Clown Conservatory at Circus Center,
  and two professional troupes from
  the Conservatory's advanced program. Tickets: \$7.50-\$12.50; 925-7981300. Details: Juliamorgan.org.

  "Hall" Kilkhop Parco".
- "Hell's Kitchen Dance" June 15-17, 8 p.m.; June 18, 3 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse. Mikhail Baryshnikov and troupe of young dancers perform works of Aszure Barton, Benjamin Millepied. Tickets: \$60, 510-642-9988, calperfs berkeley.edu.
- Berkeley, edu.

  Aurora Theatre Company June
  16-July 23, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sundays,
  2081 Addison St., Berkeley, in "Permanent Collection," Thomas Gibbons
  examines racial politics in America.
  Tickets: \$28-\$45, 510-843-4822, auroratheatre.org.
- ratheatre.org.

  Conscientious Projector Series

  June 16, 7 p.m., Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalist's Hall,
  1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. "Enron" screening features personal appearance by Hal Carisdad. Discussion, action follows. \$10. Details: 510-528-5403.
- Bharatnatyam Arangetram June 17, 2 p.m., Julia Morgan Cen-ter, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Meghana Gadgil's \*arangetram" or

formal dance debut, follows over a decade of figorous study culminating in mastery of pure dance, Sanskrit dance theory and the emotive, narrative aspects of Bharatnatyam, the most demanding and graceful of India's ancient dance traditions. Free. Details: juliamorgan.org.

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- Shotgun Players Shake-speare's "King Lear," through June 18, Thursday-Sunday at 8 p.m.,
  Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave.,
  Berkeley, June 18, 5 p.m., matinee.
  Tickets: shotgunplayers.org, 510-841-8500.
- 6500.

   "Boomtime" June 18, 8 p.m.,
  La Val's Subterranean Theater, 1834
  Euclid Ave., Berkeley, Sketch comedy,
  group of three local comedians: Brent
  Weinbach, Moshe Kasher, and Alex
  Koll. They incorporate stand-up, modem dance, video, avant-garde theater,
  Admission; \$8-\$10. Details: myspace.com/boomtimesf, brentweinbach.com.

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- space.com/boomtimest, brentwein-bach.com.

   Berkeley Rep School of Theatre
   Summer classes, 2071 Addison
  St., Berkeley. June 18, 11 a.m.-4
  p.m., Living Legends with Dominique
  Serrand (beg/int), \$125. June 19,
  11 a.m.-4 p.m., Living Legends with
  Dominique Serrand (adv/pro), \$125.

   July 5-Aug. 9, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.,
  Speak & Be Heard, \$170. July 8Aug. 12, Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,
  Playwriting, \$425. July 8-Aug. 12,
  Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Preparing
  to be Surprised, \$260. By appointment: Combat for Couples (for
  adults), \$30/hour, Details: \$10-8472972, berkeleyrep.org/school.

   "Bigger Than Jesus" June 20
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  "Bigger Than Jesus" June 20-24, 8 p.m.; June 24, 2 p.m.; UC
  Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse.
  "MacHomer" creator Rick Miller turns his humor and curiosity to Jesus in one-man show. Tickets: \$30; 510-642-9988, calperfs.berkeley.edu.
- "Faulty Intelligence" June 21-23, 28-29; 7 p.m., The Marsh Berkeley, 2118 Allston Way. Roy Zimmer-man performs his scathing satirical songs. Tickets: \$15-\$22, 800-838-3006, themarsh.org.
- Film and Interactive Discussion Series 7-10 p.m., Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, June 21: TBA, \$4-\$5. Details: brjcc.org, 510-848-0237 x132.
- B49-0237 x132.

  Central Works Theater Ensemble

  "The Inspector General," June 23July 30; Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m.,
  Sunday 5 p.m., Berkeley City Club,
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■ 'Hormone Disruptors: — Is your environment making you ill?," June 21, 7-9 p.m., Teleosis Institute, 1521 Fitth St., Upstairs Unit B, Berkeley. Dr. Marianne Marchese discusses how contact with chemicals in our environment can alter hormone systems and cause illness and disease. Also: how to test for these chemicals, avoid exposure, remove them from our body, reverse illness and disease. RSVP: info@teleosis.org, 510-558-7285. Cost: \$5 members / \$10 non-members. Details: teleosis.org.

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### EXHIBITS

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  Giorgi Gallery June 10-11,
  2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Open
  studios art show with Elizabeth
  Dante's newer works, Grant Irish's
  bronze vasses, Julia Krillova's crazy
  ceramics. June 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,
  live jazz music, refreshments. Details:
  510-848-1228, giorgigallery.com.

  UC Berkeley Art Museum —
  June 14-Sept. 17, "Edge of Desire:
  Recent Art in Irolia." Through July
  16, "Now-Time Venezuela Part 2." —
  Through Oct. 22, "Centers of Artistry:
  Indian Paintings," Through Dec. 3,
  "Bancroft Library Centennial Exhibi-
- Through Oet. 2., "Online Patrick," and the Collection." Bancroft Library Centennial Exhibition." Through June 24, 2007, "Measure of Time," "Selections from the Collection." 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley. Details: bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-2009.
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  I Judah L. Magnes Museum —
  Through Sept. 21, 2911 Russell St.,
  Jerkeley. "My America: Art from the
  lewish Museum Collection, 1900955." June 15, 6:30 p.m., Music
  laion, "Magaras/Modes: The Music
  fithe Jews in the Lands of Islam."
  6-\$B. June 29, 6:30 p.m., "For
  leview" with Jack Marshall, who disusees his memoir "From Baghdad to
  rooklyn: Growing Up in a Jewish
  rabic Family in Midcentury Amera." \$6-\$8. Details: magnes.org or
  10-549-6950.

  Arts and Connector.

Ave., 2nd Floor, Berkeley, Through June 16, "Graduate Exhibition 2006" — June 20-July 6, Kira Carillo Corser exhibit "But will you still love me to-morrow: Marriage and Contemporary Culture." July 2, 4-7 p.m., reception. Details: 510-649-0499, jfku.edu/gallery/.

- ### Addison Street Windows Gallery

   Through June 19, 2018 Addison
  St., Berkeley. "Four Faces of the Figure" features works of Carol Aust, Biliana Stremska, Laura Van Duren,
  Seth Wachtel. Details: 510-981-7546.

   Badė Museum Tuesdays &
  Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Holbrook
  Building, Pacific School of Religion,
  1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Through
  June 29, "Behold: Nude Photographic Work by Dana Davis." Details: Dawn 510-849-8293. Through
  January 2007, "Making Cakes for the
  Queen of Heaven: Family Religion in
  Ancient Israel." Details: 510-849-8201.

   Ames Gallery "Ted Gordon,"
- Ancient Israel." Details: 510-849-8201.

  Ames Gallery "Ted Gordon," July 1-Sept. 30, weekdays 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 2681 Cedar St., Berkeley, Details: 510-845-4949, amesgailery,com.

  "Eclectix" Callery Through July 4, 7523 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito. Group Show of Mixed Media Works. Artists Include: Chris Fortin, Patricia Mitchell, Karda Bruk, William Dunton, Susan Billings, Chuck Mitchell, Free, Details: 510-364-7216.
- Details: 510-364-7216.

  "Healing Waters" Through July 5, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, River paintings by Judi Miller, ocean series glass sculpture by Carol Hollens, "Katrina's Children" art and poetty from River of Words. Details: 510-204-1667.
- Words, Details, 510-204-1667.
  Berkeley Art Center Through July 15, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Exhibit by 2005 Members' Showcase winners Janine Brown and Lucy Traber. Details: 510-644-6893, berkeleyartcenter.org.

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association — June 10, 10 a.m., Berkeley's Willard Park Area. Meet at Russell Street by the streetcar bend near Regent Street. Exploration of architecture and fascinating remnants of local history. Itinerary/information at well.com/—ronks/pix/willardplus/, Moderate, mostly flat walk. — July 8, 10 a.m., meet at Channing Way and 10th Street. Exploration of Southwest

- focreeks@aol.com.

  Inviersity of California Botanical
  Garden 200 Centennial Drive,
  Berkeley. July 1; 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Sick
  Plant Clinic. June 13, 6-8 p.m., "In
  the Company of Wild Butterfiles"
  Film. \$8-\$10. 08.A follows. June
  15, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Summer
  Family Fun Day. Children with an
  adult can enjoy a hands-on investigation, start a mini-garden, see Garden
  with new eyes through art and math.
  Third Thursdays monthly: July 20,
  Aug. 17. Activities change monthly.
  Plicnic lunches encouraged. \$14-\$18;
  price includes one parent and one
  child, additional adult or children per
  family \$7 each. Details: 510-843-2755
  or botanicalgarden.berkely.edu.

  Father's Day Dragon Boat Adven-
- family \$7 each. Details; 510-843-2755 or botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.

  Father's Day Dragon Boat Adventure June 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Berkeley marina. Berkeley Racing Canoe Center Invites Save The Bay members of all ages/abilities to take a ride in a traditional Chinese river boat. Free to Save The Bay members. Save the Bay members in \$25. Details: saveSFbay.org/events, 510-452-9261, jgretz@savesfbay.org.

  Fecerational Equipment Inc. Free events at 1338 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. June 18; July 9, 23; 10-11 a.m., Hands-on Bicycle Clinic. June 27, 7 p.m., Great Weekend Camping and Backpacking Trips in Northern California Wilderness Areas. July 18, 7 p.m., Argele Touring: Tips for Paring Down Your Load. Details: 510-527-4140 or rei.com/stores.

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   Summer Drama Camps Contra Costa Civic Theatre. Regular Drama Camp sessions for ages 7-12, 9 a.m. 4 p.m. weekdays: June 19-30, July 3-14, July 31-Aug, 5, Aug, 6, Aug, 14-25. Learn theatre basics, help produce a video, participate in theatre production. Cost: \$575. Advanced Camp for ages 12-16, 9 a.m. 4 p.m. weekdays: July 3-14, July 17-28. Build skills for high school theatre & beyond. Pre-Camp for ages 5-7, 9 a.m. -12 p.m., June 12-16. Intro to camp; kids perform in costume on final day. Cost: \$220, childcare until 1 p.m. \$45. Drama Camp & Precamp at 951 Pomona Ave, El Cerrito. Advanced Camp at Prospect Sierra High School, 2060 Tapscott Äve., El Cerrito. Details: 510-524-9132, coct. org.

   Kurukula Self-Defense, Empow-
- rito. Details: 510-524-9132, ccct.org.
   Kurukula Self-Defense, Empow erment, & Life Skills for Young Women, now enrolling for summer camp at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Ages 9-12: June 26-29, July 17-20, Aug 21-24; classes are 1-3 p.m., \$89. Ages 13-teens: July 9, 16, 23, 30; 10 a.m. 12 p.m., \$89. Details: kurukula.com, 510-524-9283.
- Berkeley Rep School of Theatre
   Summer classes, 2071 Addison
  St., Berkeley. July 8-Aug. 5, Saturdays 9-11 a.m., Acting Adventures
  (Grades 3-5), \$130. July 8-Aug.
  12, Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Paper
  Caper Circus (Grades K-2), \$140. —
  By appointment: Dueling Ducs Private Stage Combat for Two (Grades
  5+), \$80/hour. Scholarships available
  for youth. Details: 510-647-2972,
  berkeleyrep.org/school.

### LISTRAIN EVENTS

Pegasus Books — July 3, 7 p.m., 2349 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Al Averbach and Jeanne Lupton read their poetry: part of Last Word Reading Series. Open reading follows. Free.

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### **Ballot**

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Ming Chen and one other Albany voter said they also supported
Prop. 82, the statewide preschool
initiative that would have raised
taxes on higher-income earners to
provide free preschool for all California 4-year-olds.
That initiative failed, as did
Prop. 81, a \$600 million state

bond measure for new library construction.

construction.

El Cerrito was planning to apply for the bond money to help finance a new facility. Mayor Janet Abelson said the loss was a disappointment.

"I think we will still a build a new library," Abelson said. "We just have to figure out financially how to do that."

In the meantime, Albany will begin planning for the storm drain improvements along Curtis and

Neilson streets next week, said Judy Lieberman, Albany's assis-tant to the city administrator. The next priority for the tax money will be the paving of ma-jor arterial streets including Solano, Santa Fe and Portland avenues.

### Initiative

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Zweben agreed the initiative was not advertised in a qualified newspaper but wanted an Alameda Superior Court judge to decide whether that should prevent the city from proceeding.

revent the city from proceeding.

In mid-May, a coalition of environmental groups submitted about 2,400 signatures in support of an initiative aimed at blocking a potential retail and housing development on parking lots at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

The groups advertised the initiative in the West County Times, which is not certified for Alameda County legal announcement, said Marguerite Leoni, an attorney for Golden Gate Fields.

"The West County Times is adjudicated for Contra Costa County," she said.

Robert Cheasty, an attorney and leader of the initiative effort, said his groups met the

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spirit of the law because of the amount of publicity the initiative effort received.

"I think it's fair to say that this issue received more publicity than any other issue in town in the last few years," Cheasty said. "It was written up in various newspapers, on television and posted on the Web as well as being posted in who knows how many agendas for meetings."

In addition, Cheasty said, the West County Times provides extensive coverage of Albany and is used for city notices.

The newspaper has a daily circulation of 1,081 in Albany, said Don Olmstead, a market research manager for Contra Costa Newspapers.

The issue will likely go to court at the end of July, Zweben said.

In the meantime, the City Council will have 30 days after the city clerk certifies the signatures count either to adopt the initiative or place it on the ballot. That certification will

likely happen at the June 19 council meeting, Zweben said. If it is approved, the citizens initiative would prohibit development from within 600 feet of the water. A nine-member committee would hold public meetings to develop a plan that would go before voters for final approval.

Late Monday night, council members directed city staff to draft a moratorium on development at the waterfront, which the council could use if it deemed necessary. The moratorium could be part of an effort by the city to conduct its own waterfront planning.

Under that process, the city would review the environmental impacts of alternative development scenarios. What those development scenarios would look like and how the \$1 million process would be paid for is still undecided, Zweben said.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or e-mail alopez1@cctimes.com.

In the meantime, the city will hire two new positions in public works, where they will oversee the city's infrastructure improvement program.

Those positions will replace the integrated waste management program, which runs the city's recycling center and manages its garbage contract.

The assistant city manager in the administration department will oversee the waste program as well as a new position devoted to public relations and special projects. ning purposes."

City and Redevelopment
Agency revenues are projected
at \$41 million next year, \$\$ million of which will be borrowed
for construction of a new city Those include construction of a new city hall; improved aesthetics on San Pablo Avenue; \$1.2 million in street improvements; safety improvements along the Ohlone Greenway; funding for two new fire engines; and design work for a new senior center and library.

The city has identified \$91 million worth of infrastructure improvements over the next 10 years, of which \$49 million remains unfunded, according to the budget.

Funding needs to be found for streets, a new public safety building, storm drains and a new library.

hall.

City revenues are strong, according to the budget, led by a solid increase in property taxes. Sales taxes continue to increase but are leveling off.

The city's general fund, which pays for the bulk of operations, forecasts revenues of \$23.9 million next year, with \$3.6 million of that put aside in a reserve fund.

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### Calendar

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### COMMUNITY

- Hopalong Animal Rescue Pet adoptions. June 10, 17, 24; 12:3 p.m., cats available at Your Basic Bird, 29:40 College Ave., Berkeley. June 24, 12:3 p.m., dogs available at PetSmart, 10:01 Eastshore Hwy., Albary, Details: 510-267-1915, hopalong.org.
- 510-267-1915, hopalong.org.

  Memorial Service for Children's
  Advocate June 10, 6 p.m, Alumni
  House, UC Berkeley, Bancroft Way and
  Dana Street. Celebration of life of
  Doreen "Pam" Steneberg, who was a
  Parent Advocate at Disability Rights
  Education and Defense Fund until her
  retirement in 1997, and served on
  DREDF Board of Directors until her
  death. Remembrances may be sent to:
  DREDF, 2212 Sixth St, Berkeley, CA
  94710 or to East Bay Innovations, 303
  W. Joaquin Ave., #100, San Leandro,
  CA 94577.

  Punks for Pets concert fund-raiser
- Bright Star Montessori School Fund-raiser June 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m 720 Jackson St., Albany. Raffle, mov-

ing sale, bake sale, craft activities for kids. Great deals on furniture, appli-ances, toys, housewares, clothing, more. Details: 510-847-1248, ser-afimidis@earthlink.net.

amridis@earthlink.net.

Live Oak Park Fair — June 10-11,
10 a.m.-6 p.m., Live Oak Park, 1301
Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Arts and crafts showcase features 125 local artists and craftspeople. Handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, woodwork, clothing, paintings, photography, toys, art glass, more. Children's entertainment, live music by Jazzschool, food & drink. Details: 510-898-3282, liveoakparkfair.com.

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Community Labyrinth Peace Wall

June 11, 3 p.m., Willard Middle
School, 2425 Stuart St., Berkeley, All

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rededication guided by Margie Adam.

June 10, 10 a.m.—4 p.m., labyrinth
repainting, volunteers needed. Details
Nina@NinaHam.com, 510-526-7377.

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Blood drives — American Red
Cross, June 27-28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,
East Pauley Ballroom. UC Berriceley,
Bancroft & Telegraph avenues, Berkeley, Details: 800-GIVE-LIFE, BeADonor.com (code: UCB), — June 11, 9
a.m.-2 p.m., St. Mary Magdalen
Parish, Parish Hall, 2005 Berryman St.
Berkeley. Appointments: 510-5264811.

childhood experiences of their own with closed adoption. One was King, who finally met her older birth brother two years ago. "My mom was 19 or 20 when she placed a son up for adoption," said King, whose family is from Georgia. Her mom went to a home for unwed mothers in another state, Tennessee, to give birth.

# Adoption

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While many parents at Sunday's picnic spoke of adoption in terms of parental hopes and joys, the Baker-Cohns offered a more child-centered perspective.

"Statistics show there are more children of mixed race and races other than Caucasian that need families," said Connie Baker-Cohn, an elementary school teacher who has two adult biological children.

When she and Woody Baker-Cohn, her second husband, decided to have children, they decided it wasn't so important whose children they were biologically, Connie Baker-Cohn said.

For herself, she had decided

said.
For herself, she had decided long ago that, because of concerns over world population, "I wouldn't give birth to more than two, but I'd be delighted to be a parent to more than two."
Several adults interviewed at Sunday's annual IAC picnic in Pleasant Hill Park recounted

a notice for unwel mouters in another state, Tennessee, to give birth.

IAC offers lifelong counseling to birth parents of the children it helps place and encourages contact between birth and adoptive families. The adoptive parents become the legal parents once the birth parents give up their parental rights, which usually happens within two weeks of the birth, said spokeswoman Sharon Fitzgerald.

IAC, which also has offices in Indiana, Georgia and North Carolina, arranges more than 200 adoptions annually, a little more than half in California, Fitzgerald said.

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Many of the Items, such as firm cost and payment schedule, start and completion dates, and how additional work is to be handled, will save you much grief and money in the long term if your contractor is complying with these requirements.

Plan ahead. Save money by planning ahead. Go through the design process with your remodeler first and choose everything you want to include in the new room(s), from appliances to light fixtures. This will define your budget and prevent hasty (and costly) changes later in the project.

Many homeowners are so anxious to get the work "done" that it gets started before many of the finish decisions are made.

They then may be faced with an ever-expanding budget because what they want (a \$3,000 tub that needs special plumbing and framing) doesn't fit with what the contractor was figuring on (a standard \$500 tub). The homeowner sees only the tub and doesn't understand



### STRETCH YOUR REMODELING BUDGET

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Hire a professional contractor who is familiar with the bullding codes in your area. Replacing work that doesn't meet code can be extremely expensive. A well-written contract can prevent costly mistakes or additions to the scope of your project. It is a critical step in maintaining your budget.

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Compare products and their prices carefully before you make final decisions. And keep an open mind when you discuss product and design ideas with your contractor.

Pay attention to how labor-intensive some design features may be.For instance, laying a ceramic tile mosalc backsplash would be costly versus a backsplash laid with conventional-sized tiles.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

# Bay view Tudor in lush country setting



SOME HOUSES HIDDEN AWAY in the Berkeley hills are like secret portals. From the street you m not notice them, but when you enter you find yourself in a world apart. The English Tudor Revival hor at 763 Cragmont Ave. is one such house. Step into the entry hall and dining room and you will see or orful tiles with images of castles and knights on horseback inscribed in them. Dark wood doors op into a living room with a cathedral ceiling and a marvelous leaded glass window overlooking the Be French doors with many tiny window panes lead to a spacious deck and a quiet garden. The kitchen modern and well-equipped. Upstairs the rooms have wrought iron fixtures and textured walls and ce ings. The views out the bedroom windows are of water and light on one side and down into the gree lush garden on the other. A private hot tub at the back of the garden has a sienna-colored patio arour it. The home has three bedrooms and one and one-half baths.

Price: \$1,095,000. Open home June 11 and 18, 2 to 4 p.m.

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Real Estate Focus:

# Inviting, wonderful Kensington home



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Asking price: \$1,100,000

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# Financial preparedness in the event of a disaster

Even if you weren't glued to the constant news coverage, you're probably well aware of the tragedies that have unfolded — throughout our nation and around the globe — as a result of natural disasters. All of these catastrophic events have served as a reminder that we can be significantly affected by unexpected events at any time. Whether a major disaster, or even a file in your home strikes, it is important to be prepared financially ahead of time for such an event. Preparing for something like this involves two major steps. For starters, you'll want to create an inventory — either a video recording or a list — of your important documents and a record of your possessions. You should also make sure to secure these documents and recordings once they have been compiled. In addition to your inventory, your other major effort should involve properly insuring against the possibility of losses in the event of a disaster. This will help your family recover financially and get you back on track sooner.

To help keep important papers organized and secure, many people rent safe deposit boxse at the bank. But it's also a good idea to keep photocopies of your important to secure these documents and recordings once they have been compiled. In addition to your inventory, your other major effort should involve properly insuring against the possibility of losses in the event of a disaster. This will help your family recover financially and get you back on track sooner.

To help keep important papers organized and secure, many people rent safe deposit boxes at the bank. But it's also a good idea to keep photocopies of your important papers in an emergency kit that you can carry with you as well. Some of them will be useful – if not absolutely necessary – to help your recoverage current as your family should the unthinkable occur. You should the unthinkable occur. You should the unthinkable occur for your income at the same time that your medical expenses.

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# Gallagher and Lindsey for Life'

In celebration of cancer survivorship, a spirited team of Galagher and Lindsey, Inc. Realtors, business associates, friends and family will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Headed by Justine Francis, the team—Gallagher & Lindsey for Life—Will take to the track at Encinal High School In Alameda to raise money for American Cancer Society programs and research. Team members, all with the common goal of eliminating cancer, gather nationwide at schools, fairgrounds and parks, taking turns walking or running throughout the overnight event. Relay for Life offers something for all those attending: the newly diagnosed, caregivers, friends and survivors. From giving generous donations to pledging to walk, everyone person at Gallagher and Lindsey has helped with the effort.

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In addition to supporting a worthy foundation, Gallagher and Lindsey employees also have an emotional attachment to the American Cancer Society's cause.

Realtor Dave McIntyre passed away two years ago, just weeks before that year's event. His life and memory have provided tremendous



inspiration for those who knew him. His spirit continues to be carried on by his wife Angela McIntyre.
For over 20 years Relay For Life has represented the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eradicated.
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April 2006 median price increased was essentially unchanged compared with March's revised \$562,630 median price.
"At 10.2 percent in April, we're seeing price appreciation trend toward a more sustainable rate for the California housing market," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R. vice president and chief economist. "Increased inventory levels are moderating the rate of price appreciation, but are still below what we experience in a more traditional market when the long-term supply of unsold inventory is about 7 months."

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in April 2006 was 5.6 months, compared with 2.4 months (revised) for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.51 percent during April 2006, compared with 5.86 percent in April 2005, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable

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The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 42 days in April 2006, compared with 28 days (revised) for the same period a year ago.

Regional sales data are not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that can influence home sales. The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes are generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors? throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums are based on a survey of more than 60 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and DataQuick Information Systems, 84.5 percent, or 339 out of 401 cities and communities

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He has given many seminars to homeowners over the past several years and writes the From the Ground Up column on remodeling for Hills Publications.

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and durability of your project will be better if you work with your contractor's suggestions to determine the products that go into your project.

Labor Intensive? Aside from product choice, another way to decrease the cost of your remodeling project is to pay attention to how labor-intensive some design features may be.

This is a very overlooked part of the finish decision making process. Unfortunately it seems the more unique and beautiful an element the more costly it is to install. However, there are many attractive design features that do not cost an arm and a leg and can look lovely in your home. Be candid with your remodeler about your budget. S/he can then guide you toward the finish items that fit within your budget as well as taste.

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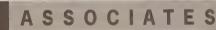
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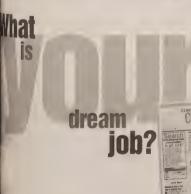
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the project, painting and helping restore the exterior of the home. The Chaparral house philosophy is to provide individualized care and services in a warm, community atmosphere. It is a retirement home and a non-profit, skilled nursing eldercare community.

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# How does my garden grow?

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My garden at home extends on an upslope above my house and concrete patio. When I first saw the house about 15 years ago, the slope was so covered with trees and ivy that I had no idea how far the land went. All I could see was dense greenery.

The house at that time was Anet's house and it was about to be for sale. I was wondering aloud if it might make sense for my thenhusband and me to buy it. But I am a gardener and as I tried to see around and through the thicket, I wondered aloud, "Could I live without a garden?"



She led me to a spot at the back

She led me to a spot at the back of the patio where it was possible to climb up a tail step and squilggle through the lot.

I ducked and stepped carefully and could see a good sized piece of land that was almost entirely covered over with bay trees and acaclas, junk trees that had landed there, probably by bird. And ivy, big ivy, the kind of hy that has long root hairs hanging off the trunks, the sort of ivy that looks prehistoric.

Anet was standing there with me, both of us facing up the hill. "You can have a garden here," she said. "I'll show you."

There was an apple tree, lightstarved, gnarly-skinned, white-fly infested. And an orange tree thick
with branches and also oranges.
That was about all I could see that
first time. We bought the house and
first thing, we hired a tree guy to
cut down a great many too-skinny,
too-tall, too-sick, too-close-together,
or simply unappealing trees.

And we hired a boy who spent
many days, maybe even weeks,
hacking and pulling out ivy, so
much ly that it is hard to say how
much. Underneath the ivy he found
many beautiful rocks, some cemented into waterways and little
ponds, or at least they would have
been if there had been water there,
but there wasn't then.

We moved many rocks (the
loose ones, ones that had not been
concreted) and used them to form
walls, and we smoothed out areas
for paths. At the same time, we
were also working on the house
and as part of that job, we removed
dour-inch-thick concrete chunks
from a porch.

Those were carried to the top
garden terrace and stacked (leaning back so they wouldn't fall or
wash forward) as a wall. That top
garden bed became my rose area.

We hired a genius carpenter to
build redwood steps for access into
the garden.

The steps begin at the concrete
patio. We put a layer of golden granite under the redwood so it would
last longer. Rebar was used in spots
to keep the steps from shifting.

The first rise connects with a
short graveled landing, then there
is another rise of steps — different
sizes and shapes to conform to the
fill— then a landing and a turn.

More steps, and so forth; next batch
turns to the left, then four or five
wider steps, again to the left to the
top of the hill.

All the paths are gravel. All the
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which means that they are a little
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"As we age, our corneas begin to develop layers like an onlon," says Dan Blitzer, a continuing educator for the American Lighting Association. "Those layers absorb more of the light coming into our eyes, so less light reaches the retina and its light receptors.

Also, the lenses in our eyes develop tiny fissures that tend to capture more blue light, so what gets through to the retina is more light waves in the yellow spectrum. The net result is that as people get older, they get less light from their environment."

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# Lighting your kitchen, bed and bath

Kitchens, bedrooms and bathKitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms are areas where people
generally want more light as they
get older, Blitzer says. For
kitchens, Gilbertson suggests under cabinet lights. These can be
as simple as fluorescent tubes hidden under the cabinets to direct
the maximum amount of highquality light down onto the countertops where you will be preparing meals. This solution requires
minimal construction.

See EYES, Page B13

### **Tarpoff**

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on-high. But the steps were not hurt.

The tree man left the bottom of the trunk, maybe 6 feet high. He said he couldn't cut it lower. So for all these years, the trunk has stood there, bare and ugly, and I've gardened around it.

Until this year. I asked my good tree people (I have planted several trees in the garden that I keep smallish by yearly pruning) if the trunk could be removed. I wanted it cut down and the root ground out so that I could plant something in that spot. I wanted it to look like that acacla had not ever been there.

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Subcontractor came and sawed and sawed resulting in enormous and heavy chunks of tree trunk. Mounds of red sawdust. Two men brought their grinder and chewed away for hours at the lower trunk and roots.

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brought meir grinder and chewed away for hours at the lower trunk and roots.

One of them rolled trunk chunks down the wooden stairs, down the side of the house, down to his truck. Anet and I came home to find a guy with earplugs grinding away, another guy taking a rest, and the front edges of many of my precious wooden steps hurt. Where the chunks hit the steps, at each spot of impact, there is damage. Scrapes, gouges, splinters. Mostly, it's the front edges where the steps show dents and broken fibers.

Broke my heart. I looked at those steps and just stopped dead; couldn't talk, didn't know what to do. Anet was there. She saw and she knew, and she knew, and she could see that there were still many large pleces of trunk at the top of the garden, chunks that no doubt the men planned to roll down the steps.

She told them no. She said they'd have to think of some other way to get the chunks out of the yard. And what could be done about the damage? She did ask but we both already knew the answer. The men hadn't even noticed there was a problem.

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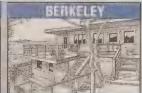


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slon while minimizing the disruption of our circadian rhythm, Biltzer says.
Another option for your kitchen is to Instail recessed lights overhead, just in front of the cabinets. This allows the maximum light to fall on both your work area, as well as inside the cabinets when the door is open, Gilbertson notes. Recessed lighting can be effective anywhere in the house that you require more light. But, cautions Blitzer, be sure the face of the bulb is Installed well above the ceiling to eliminate glare.

"Glare Is a serious issue for older eyes," he notes.
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sider a torchiere that bounces light off the ceiling to create a glare-free environment. Or a floor lamp with a movable arm might be more to your taste. Hobbyists can clamp a portable light right onto their work table, Gilberston suggests.

In the bedroom, installing a headboard with built-in reading lights is less costly than a remodel, yet more flexible than a simple lamp on your bedside table. Blitzer points out that the light (and its controls) can be installed in the center of the

headboard, so that the light shines directly on the reader and not on the sleeping partner. Further, if the reader falls asleep with the light on, the partner can turn off the light without climbing out of bed.

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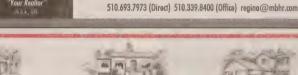


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# Avoiding headaches during a refinance

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course of things, no Realtors or self-ers and sometimes no appraisers (with the streamlined automated val-uation method). There are however, several things to remember to do and avoid during the process. Be credit prepared. It is impor-tant know how your credit history has evolved and what your credit score is before you approach a lender. If you have helped a son or daughter or friend by co-signing for an installment loan such as an auto loan or student loan, remember that their payment performance will af-fect your credit as well. When ob-taining a residential mortgage credit report, installment loan payment his-tory has priority second only to your mortgage payment history.

We have seen that a recent late payment on one of our borrower's son's new car cost our borrower over 100 points on his credit score, dropping his score from 701 to 595. It is a good idea, in the first year at least, to make the payment on time yourself and have your oc-borrower make his payment to you.

Watch out for identity theft. It is also a good idea to check your credit report at least once a year, a credit check tune up so to speak. One of our borrowers discovered a bad case of identity theft when we ran her credit report for her refinance.

ran her credit report for her refi-nance.

A woman in Florida who had a similar first and last name had somehow gained access to our client's social security number and had applied and been granted nearly \$100,000 in credit cards and consumer installment loans.

The thief had an address in



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Florida that actually showed up on the credit report and we were able to contact the authorities and the credit bureaus.

It has been nearly a year and we are still working on cleaning up our client's credit report. There is a fraud alert attached to our clients' social security number, which is a bit of a hassle for her to obtain any new credit, but at least it is our understanding that the thief is being prosecuted by the fraud departments of

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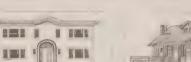
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OAKLAND \$739,000
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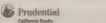
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# Newspapers Real Estate & Home section. The first place to look when looking for a new home.

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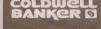


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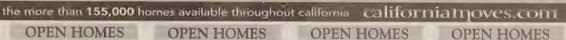


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Offered at \$619,000

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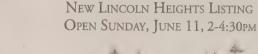
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# Blanket chest is both pretty and practical



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typing with plenty of storage under a hinged bench seat, this handsome blanket chest and seat project is practical for almost any room in the hall, it holds everything from bedding and clothes to toys, boots and umbrellas. And no matter where you put it, an extra seat always comes in handy.

The project calls for 18 board feet of lumber (we used oak, but other woods will work just as well), a sheet of matching plywood, molding, dowel pins, hinges, nalls, glue and finish. The chest requires mostly straight cuts, and the few curved cuts are traced from full-size patterns.

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Even beginners will be able to complete this project. First, the rectangular chest section is as-sembled using glue and nails. Next, the back rest, arm supports and arm rests are assembled and attached to the chest. Finally, in-stall the lid, add trim pieces and

apply finish as preferred.

The blanket chest and seat measures about 48 inches long by 19 inches deep by 36 inches tail at the back.

The Blanket Chest and Seat plan, No. 789, is \$9.95 and includes step-by-step instructions with photos, traceable patterns, construction diagrams, a snopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions.

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Be aware of your payoff amounts. When refinancing, you are going to pay off your current mortgage or mortgages — if you have multiple loans, lines of credit and so forth, recorded on the property. Mortgages are always accruing interest and when you make a payment, you are paying in arrears. For example, that June 1 payment you make covers the interest and principal accrued during May.

So, if you were to close your refinance June 15, you would have 15 days of interest due on your current mortgage. The formula we use to estimate your mortgage payoff is the current principal plus one payment plus \$150, the usual fee that most lenders charge to prepare their demand for pay off of your mortgage. Also — this is very important, —if you are paying off a line of credit, once the lender has been contacted that you will be paying it off, the lender will freeze your line and you will be unable to use any remaining equity in the line. Even if you are subordinating (only refinancing the first mortgage and keeping the line of credit) to a new first trust deed, the lender will freeze the line during the refinancing process.

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Open Sat/Sun. 1-5 Bay Farm 510-845-0211	Sun 2-4 510-828-3118	\$749,000 1417 A Spruce 3bd/2.5ba Open Sun 2-4:30 510-524-988x20	\$769,000 895 Bridgeway Cir. 4BD/3BA	Sat/Sun. 12-5 Chinatown Elena Stone, R.E. Broker
Prudential Claremont Amy K. Hayashida \$565,000 1140 Verdemar Dr 3 BD/2.5 BA	Kane & Associates Kathie & Patrick Ng \$849,000 1715 Otis Dr. 3 BD/2 BA	Berkeley Hills Realty Nancy Mueller	Open Sun 1:30-4 510-486-1495 Coldwell Banker Gregg Lustig	\$410,000 2222 57th Aw
\$565,000 1140 Verdemar Dr 3 BD/2.5 BA Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island 510-814-4841	Sat & Sun 2-4 Central Alameda 510-748-1108	\$750,000 1309 Ordway Street 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133		Open Sat 1-3
Harbor Bay Realty Tom Young	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Bill & Griselda Bissett	The Grubb Co. John Ratcliffe	Emeryville	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$579,000 1119 Bismarck Ln. 4 BD/2.5 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm island 510-814-4800	\$859,000 1534 Sherman St 3 BD/2.5 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 Central Alameda 510-814-4873/814-4802	\$769,000 765 Nellson St 4bd/2ba Open Sat/Sun. 2-4:30 510-847-1414	\$455,000 4 Commodore Drive #D421 2BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1342	\$419,000 2932 Filbert Open Sun.2-4
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\$579,000 1372 Fernside Bivd. 2 BD/1 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 East End 510-814-4825	\$860,000 229 Sherwood Ln. 4 BD/2 BA Sat 2-4/Sun 2:30-4:30 HB Isle 510-814-4848/814-4814	\$770,000 11 HIII Road 3BD/3BA	\$589,000 1228 54th St 2bd/1ba	\$429,000 3917 Edwards & Open Sun 2-4:30
Harbor Bay Realty Shirley McWilliam	Harbor Bay Realty Ringo Liu/Connie Hanna	Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Barbara Hardacre	Open Sun. 2-4 510-524-0800 Marvin Gardens Anita & Alice Wilson	Coldwell Banker
\$585,000 3027 Linda Vista 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$869,000 1036 Lincoln Ave. 3 BD/2 BA	\$785,000 2208 7th St DUPLEX	Fremont	\$429,000 6831 Mokelumne Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4 510-522-8749 Centennial Real Estate Linda Larkin	Sat & Sun 2-4 West End 510-747-1620/748-1135 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Moon Tam/Eric Tam	Open Sun. 2-4 510-292-2030 Red Oak Realty Catherine Stern		Coldwell Banker
\$593,000 1620 Paru Street Duplex	\$875,000 1605 Buena Vista Ave. 3 or 4 BD	\$789,000 3323 Claremont Avenue 3BR/1.5BA	\$699,000 3917 Copeland Ln. 4 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4 510-681-5249	\$430,000 565 Believue Avi
Sat/Sun 2-4 Cent. Alameda 510-748-1807/748-1162 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Ann Bracci/Chih Wu		Open Sun 2-4:30 510-551-5839	Alameda Realty Carol Knight	Open Sun. 2-4:30 Lake Merrit Keller Williams
\$594,000 339 Broadway #218 2 BD/2 BA	\$890,000 1713-1715 9th St. 2 houses on lot	C21 Heritage Mark Miller \$790,000 60 Forest Lane 2 BD/1 BA	Hayward	\$435,000 466 Crescent S
Sun 2-4 510-508-7959 Alameda Realty Carol Burnett	Sun 2-4 West End 510-748-1116/748-1133 Gallagher & Lindsey Alice Garvin/Stehanie Neher	Sun 2-4 Berkeley Hills 510-748-1118	\$675,000 31446 Brae Burn Ave 3 BD/2 BA	Open Sat. & Sun 2-4 Condo Old Castle Mortgage
\$594,500 1114 Post St. 2BD/1BA	\$898,500 2837 Marina Dr. 2 BD/1.5 BA	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Ty Weichhart	Sat/Sun 2-4 510-522-9600 Harbor Bay Realty Izabella Lipetski	\$439,000 320 51st St #A
Open Sat/Sun 1-4pm 925-429-2374	Sat/Sun 2-4 (510)865-8688/331-5480/332-5683 Kane & Associates M. Oliver/V. Lim/R. Martin	\$835,000 1415 Sacramento St. 3+BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400	\$1,359,000 28836 Bailey Ranch Rd 5bd, 4ba	Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge Pacific Union GMAC
Equity Capital R.E. Agt Dan Kelly \$599,000 1237 Broadway 2BD/1BA	\$899,000 1119 Regent St 3 Units	The Grubb Co. Carol Brown	Open Sun. 2-4 510-508-5580	\$449,000 2934 Morgan
Sun 2-4 510-681-5249	Sun 2-4 East End 510-814-4897	\$850,000 2405 Hillside Avenue 4+BD/4+BA Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 510-486-1495		Open Sun.1-4
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\$599,000 165 Bannister 2 BD/2 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4869	\$924,900 1933 Kofman Pkwy 4 BD 2.5 BA Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4869/814-4857	\$899,000 2210 Rose Street 3BD/2BA	Kensington	Open Sun 2-4:30
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\$599,000 4 Courageous Ct. 2 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4 510-331-5480 / 332-5683	\$975,000 2206 San Jose Ave 5bd/4ba Open Sun. 2-4 925-765-6879	\$899,000 3008 Dana St 4-PLEX	Open Sun. 2-4 Colusa Circle 510-848-1950x242	\$450,000 1400 Carpentier Sat & Sun 1-4
Kane & Associates Vickie Lim / Ron Martin	ZipRealty Lisa Thebeau	Open Sun. 12-1 510-280-2126 Red Oak Realty Leif Jenssen	Thornwall Properties Kathryn Hill	Keller Williams
\$614,000 3153 Fiji Ln 4 BD/2.5 BA	\$979,000 1717 St. Charles St. 48D/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4:30 510-421-6818	\$905,000 1731 Vine Street 3BD/2BA	\$1,100,000 56 Avon Road 48D/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-899-8000	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island 510-814-4872 Harbor Bay Realty Ginger Schuler	Sat & Sun 2-4:30 510-421-6818 C21 Heritage Andrea Gordon	Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400	Alain Pinel Realtors Kelly Deal	Windermere Real Estate
\$619,000 1343 Caroline St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$999,000 9 Miranda Ct 4 BD/3 BA	The Grubb Co. Anne Van Dyke \$929,000 1244 Peralta Ave 4bd/2ba	\$1,175,000 22 Kenyon Ave 4+bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-524-0800	\$459,000 1004 61st
Sat/Sun 2-4 Gold Coast 510-814-4838 Harbor Bay Realty Karen Miller	Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4887 Harbor Bay Realty Alex Mak	Open Sun. 2-4 510-526-4336	Marvin Gardens R.E. Todd Hodson/Ron Egherman	Open Sun 2-4:30 Windermere Real Estate
\$629,500 3268 Cape Cod Court 3 8D/1.5 BA	Albany	Northbrae Properties Anita Thede	\$1,295,000 210 Yale Avenue 4+BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133	\$459,000 2270 Ranson
Sat/Sun 2-4 East End 510-814-4882		\$949,000 1521-1523 Milvia St 2bd/-ba Open Sun 2-4 DUPLEX 510-527-2700x27	The Grubb Co. Ruth Frassetto	Open Sat. 1-4 Prultvali Montclair Better Homes
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Harbor Bay Realty Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas	\$469,500 535 Pierce St. #5309 2bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2144 Red Oak Realty Cindy Wilson		Windermere Real Estate
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Kane & Associates Kathee Walton	\$689,000 712 San Carlos Ave 2bd/2ba	Open Sun. 1:30-4:30 So. Berkeley 510-845-0211 Prudential Claremont N. Platford	\$529,000 3276 Mariene Dr 3bd/1.5ba Open Sun 1-4 510-604-7464	Prudential Montclair
\$649,500 3216 Ravens Cove Ln. 3 BD/1.5 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Ravens Cove 510-748-1171/748-1164	Open Sun. 1-5 510-280-2187 Red Oak Realty Nedda Chueng	\$1,195,000 663 Vincente Ave 5bd/2ba	Prudential Joan Morrow	\$475,000 2527 Taylor Open Sun 1-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Steve DiGiulio/Justine Francis	\$695,000 1110 Evelyn Avenue 2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4 Thousand Oaks 510-847-1248	\$869,000 4175 Hidden Valley Rd. 4BD/2BA	Prudential California Realty
\$668,000 1208 High Street 3 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Bebe McRae	Maison Nouveau Annalise Demuth \$1,250,000 1665 Thousand Oaks 48D/3.5BA	Open Sun 1-4 925-253-4601 Coldwell Banker Jerllynn Babington	\$475,000 2968 Morgan A Open Sun 2-5 Laurel
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\$669,000 3221 Encinal Ave. Duplex	Antioch	The Grubb Co. Anne Van Dyke	Open Sun 1-4 925-253-6209 Pacific Union GMAC Nancy Rothman	\$479,500 8033 Earl Open Sun 1-5 King Estates
Sun 2-4:30 3 bd & 2+bd 510-769-1606 Bickley Real Estate John Bickley	\$495,000 5225 Fairside Way 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-531-7000x272	\$1,395,000 847 Mendocino 4bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-5 No. Berkeley 510-915-7207	\$1,249,000 12 White Oak Dr. 48D/3BA	Prudential Montcialr
\$675,000 4 Parish Ct 3 BD/2 BA	Wells & Bennett Realtors Elisa Uribe	Prudential Claremont Julie Lehman	Open Sun 1-4 510-899-8000 Alain Pinel Realtors Cynthia Schaffer	\$479,975 2756 25th
Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island 510-814-4864/814-4845	Berkeley	\$1,475,000 110 The Uplands 4+bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-339-8400		Open Sun. 1-4 Prudential Grand Lake
Harbor Bay Realty Ronald Jones/Marilyn Pomeroy \$678,000 1507 Encinal Ave. 3 BD/1 BA	\$389,000 2638 Russell #1 1bd/1ba	Montclair Better Homes Nahid Nassiri	Moraga	\$489,000 5214 Boyd At
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Gallagher & Lindsey inc. B. & G. Bissett/D. Park	College Avenue Realty Steve Dopkin	Open Sun. 2-4:30 No. Berkeley 510-524-9888x26 Berkeley Hills Realty Norah Brower	\$259,000 425 Orange 1bd/1ba	Classic Investment \$490,000 8215 Ney A
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\$695,000 355 Magnolia Dr. 3 BD/2 BA Sun 1-4 510-337-8670	\$419,000 2326 Browning 2bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4 Poet District/Condo 510-326-5800	\$2.850,000 1231 Grizziy Peak 4BD/4.5BA	\$265,000 348 Haddon 1 BD/1 BA Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Lake Merritt 415-336-4505	Open Sun 1-4
Sun 1-4 510-337-8670 Prudential CA Realty Maury McFadden	Re/Max Executive Bill Grimason	Open Sat/Sun 2-4 510-486-1495	Keller Williams Jeanne Trombly	Intero Real Estate Services
\$695,000 437 Sheffield Road 2 BD/2 BA	\$439,000 1315 8 Cornell Ave 2bd/1ba	Coldwell Banker Barb Allendorf	\$269,000 642 Beacon St. #2 1BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-899-8000	\$499,000 2323 Magnolia Open Sun.2-4
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\$698,000 617 Baywood Rd 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$485,000 2275 Cedar St. 1BD/1BA	Alain Pinel Realtors Tertia Britz	\$279,000 377 Palm Avenue, #102 1BD/1BA	\$499,000 3316 Coolidg
Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4891 Harbor Bay Realty George Muhr	Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1339	Call for Price 1114 Arch St. 48D/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400	Open Sun 2-4:30 94610 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. Helene Barkin	Prudential Piedmont
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Sat/Sun 2-4 +Studio Cottage 510-205-4369/205-3575		Castro Valley	Open Sun.2-4:30 510-280-2152 Red Oak Realty Dana Cordeiro	Open Sun 2-4:30 Laurel Prudential Montclair
Kane & Assoc. David Gunderman/Andrew Raskopf \$699,000 3287 Washington St. 3 BD/2 BA			\$295,000 150 Pearl St. #204 1BD/1BA	583 5907 39
Sat/Sun 2-4 East End 510-814-4816/814-4813	Open Sun. 1-4:30 510-757-7671	Sat/Sun. 2-4:30 Upper Valley 510-339-9290	Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495	Open Sun 2-4:30 North Oakl Pacific Union Residential
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June Hills Lucretia Jacobs	Better Homes Realty Anne Ayankoya \$625,000 565 Bellevue Ave. #1403 1bd/2ba	Thornwall Properties Colleen Larkin  \$754,999 3658 Virden Ave 4bd/2ba	The Grubb Co. Judith Cain	Open Sun 2-4:30 Pledmont 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Anian Pettit Tunney
Parkwoods 510-339-4000	Open Sun. 2-4:30 Lake Merritt 510-595-7699 Keiler Williams Dave Higgins	3638 Virgen Ave   40d/20a   Open Sun. 2-4:30   510-339-8400   Montclair Better Homes   Robert M. Scott	\$1,200,000 1835 Tunnel Rd. 4 BD/4.5 BA Sun 2-4 510-882-2215 Kane & Associates Agnes Wu	Pinole
121 61st Avenue 2+BD/1BA 510-569-3499	\$629,000 3868 Fruitvale Avenue 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1340	\$755,000 10 Elysian Pl 3bd/2ba Sun. 2-4:30 Sequoyah Heights 510-339-9290	\$1,249,000 519-521 Valle Vista 3 Units	\$619,900 2853 Wright Avenue 48R/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-847-7300
Brianne Fernandez	Pacific Union GMAC Christian Downer \$635,000 1020 Jackson #305 2bd/2ba	Prudential Montclair Herb Manor	McGuire Real Estate Cathy Scharetg/Robin Dustan	C21 Heritage Jody Dworzak
1240 E 20th Street 2BR/1BA 510-339-8900 x262 510-339-8900 x262 Shella Broxcrawford	Sat/Sun. 12-5 Chinatown 510-435-6229 Elena Stone, R.E. Broker	\$759,000 4107 Lyman Rd 2++bd/1.5ba Open Sat/Sun. 2-4:30 Oakmore 510-339-9290 Prudential Montciair Kriss Makris	\$1,249,500 2807 Steinmetz Way 6BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4 510-899-8000 Alain Pinel Realtors Kelty Deal	Point Richmond \$845,000 203 Seacliff Way 3bd/2.5ba
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Patrick Leaper	Prudential Claremont Laurel Strand \$639,000 4311 Carson St 2bd/1ba	Red Oak Realty Marjorie Sperber \$769,000 3935-37 Park Blvd. 18D/18A & 2+BD/18A	The Grubb Co. Anthony Riggins \$1,295,000 6995 Elverton 48D/38A	\$1,198,000 1334 Mailard Dr. 3BD/2L5BA
536 Wainth St 2bd1+ba S10-368-0069 Adrian Michelle	Open Sun. 2-4:30 Redwood Heights 510-339-8400 Montclair Better Homes Regina Jacobs	Open Sun 2-5 Gienview 510-338-1340 Pacific Union GMAC Christian Downer	Open Sun 2-5 Montciair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Elien Lancaster	Open Sun 1-4 925-997-9057 Intero Real Estate Gayle Langston
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Millismont 510-568-7300 Adam Watts	Open Sun 2-4:30 510-289-0930 Pacific Union GMAC Paul DI Leo	Open Sun. 2-4 510-849-9900 Maison Nouveau Scott Ward	Open Sun 2-5 Claremont Hills 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Joan Duffield	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Rolando & Cequi Basera \$389,000 442 36th St 2bd/1ba
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Laura Arechiga  Will Montectto Ave. #402 2bd/2ba	Montclair Better Homes Regina Jacobs \$649,000 5816 Shattuck Avenue -BD/-BA	RE/MAX Carmen Miranda \$789,000 6200 Westwood Way 3bd/2ba	Prudentia Grand Lake Juli Renfro \$1,499,000 6720 Elverton Drive 4+BD/3BA	\$423,000 686 5th 2BD/1BA Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495
(A) Adams Pt. 510-595-7699 Dave Higginss	Open Sun 3-5 Triplex 510-531-7006x258	Sat/Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-8400 Montclair Better Homes Martha Hill	Open Sun 2-5 Montclair 510-338-1334 Pacific Union Residential Vicki Woodhead	Coldwell Banker Gene Della Maggiora
117 4th St #208 1bd/1ba	\$649,500 925 E 19th Street 3 8D/2 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1108/748-1187	\$795,000 2323 Mastlands 3+BD/3.58A Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700	\$1,589,000 14 Chancellor Pl 4bd/3ba Sun. 2-4:30 Claremont Hills 510-339-4000	\$480,000 2542 Treeside Way 3bd/2.5ba Open Sat. 2-5 510-280-2121 Katie Lederer
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Julie Joyce 120 Caldecott Ln. #321 2 BD/2 BA	\$659,000 467 Cavour Street 2BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Lower Rockridge 510-655-2330	\$799,000 2873 Burton Dr 3+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-8400	\$1,690,000 5578 Lawton Avenue 3+BD/3.5 BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge 510-338-1385	\$499,000 4383 Nelson Drive 38D/18A Open Sat/Sun 1-4 510-486-1495
510-610-5009/846-4141 Sally Han/Liz Kane	Rockridge Realty Jan Fougner \$659,000 6801 Simson 3bd/2ba	Montclair Better Homes Martha Shin \$799,000 4258 Lakeshore Avenue 3+BD/1BA	Pacific Union Residential Jeffrey Neidleman \$1,695,000 5234 Cochrane Ave 3++BD/2++BA	Coldwell Banker Rita Zwerdling \$535,000 1801 Shasta St 3bd/2ba
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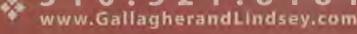


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## al's goal-driven Carter succeeds on and off the track

"I'll tell you this, Antonette is probably the biggest success story in the United States."

ily endured some particularly turbulent times.
Then when Carter joined Cal's track and field team as a freshman in 2002, she realized she was the tortoise among a group of hares on the women's sprint squad.
Carter knew she had lots of ground to make µp, vowing she would "outwork everybody, out-think everybody, outdo them in every possible way. And I was going to stomp my name into Cal's history."

Carter proceeded to shatter

ing to stomp my name into Cal's history."

Carter proceeded to shatter school records in the 100- and 200-meter events, and has since broken her own marks in both categories. Now she hopes to add the long jump record to her collection. She'll compete in the 200 and long jump at the NCAA Championships, which started on

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MIKE McGREEHAN



ANTONETTE CARTER made good on her promise to "stomp my name

## cer fans, your time is here — World Cup opens

cer," he says. "That was the game played by the British military."

For O'Curry, much has changed. The last World Cup ended with Brazil beating Germany 2-0 in Yokohama, Japan, on June 30, 2002, and fans such as O'Curry have long awaited today's opening games (Ecuador-Poland follows Germany-Costa Rica).

Fellow soccer junkies, the time has arrived. Our beloved World Cup has returned.

Let the party begin!

WATCH AND LISTEN: ABC, ESPN and ESPN2 will televise the World Cup in English. Univision (KDTV-14) provides Spanish coverage. ESPN2 airs today's Germany-Costa opener at 9 a.m., and Ecuador-Poland at noon. Univision opens with pregame coverage at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Spanish-language Futbol de Primera (KLOK 1170-AM) provides conventional radio coverage. FDP also will provide English broadcasts via XM Satellite Radio.

## Panthers' relay team finishes year strongly

By Phil Jensen
The St. Mary's High School boys 1,600-meter relay team improved its time in its last two races this track and field season.
In other words, it peaked at the right time. The squad's season ended Friday with a third-place finish in its heat of the California Interscholastic Federation state track and field championship trials in Norwalk. It had the 14th-fastest time of the trials (3 minutes, 20.94 seconds). That time was only .43 slower than the final qualifying spot for Saturday's finals. Only mine relay teams (and nine individuals in each individual event) qualified for the finals at Cerritos College.
The Panthers squad of Greyson Tarantino, Adam Marvin, Andre Huff and Brandon Harris finished third at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions on May 27 with a time of 3:21.47.

"We improved like seven seconds in the last week or so," said St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson, whose team entered the NCS Meet of Champions with a best time this season of 3:27. "Honestly, going into the Meet of Champions, we felt like we could

#### ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Need Dark Hearry Nebbels 6, Zonta Bulldogs 3: The Rebels came from behind in the third to tie the game at three, and scored three more runs in the fourth inning to win. The Buildogs started strong with quick outs in the top of the first. Shortstop Ernilly Cain scooped up a hot grounder and threw to Sarah Lake at second base for the final out. The Rebels also played strong defense in the bottom of the first with strong pitching by Kalle Nordari, Mora daso snagged who hard line drives by Leah Henry and Shira Rothman. In the second, Buildogs pitcher Sasha Kramer brought on the heat and kept the Rebels scoreless. In the bottom of the second, Kramer, Julia Foster and Colleen Hamilton-Lecky combined timely hitting and smart base running to score three runs. The Rebels evened it up in the third on an RBI triple by Anna Supton and an RBI double by Balley Wockner. Rebel Boothe Carlson's pitching and fielding in the bottom of the third kept the Bulldogs pitcher Sammy Chi-ang struck out the first batter but the Rebels were able to get three more and then hold the Bulldogs in the bottom of the inning with clutch pitching by Kay Robinson Berkeley Orthodontic Compaleompas 2, Prins Chiropractic Dynamite 1: Strong defense and excellent pitching by Strugglie. The Compaleompas struck first

#### Older Division

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That kind of work ethic also is a reason she will leave Cal as arguably the top female sprinter ever to pass through the Golden Bears program.

She leads a pack of eight Cal athletes who advanced to the NCAA Championships out of the West Regional meet in Provo, Utah, on May 26-27.

Carter finished third at regionals in the 100, 200 and the long jump. She broke her school mark in the 200 with a time of 22.79 seconds in the preliminaries. Her 100 record is 11.33.

But Carter truly covets Cal's long jump mark, which currently stands at 22 feet, 1 inch.

"The 100 and 200 (school records) I'm happy about, but man, I want that long jump," she said. "That's a record. There's not that many people jumping that in the country right now."

Huffins, who won a bronze medal in the decathlon at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, believes Carter has big things ahead of her as a professional.

"I don't think there's anything stopping her," Huffins said. "When she's done with school and done having to carry this team in a lot of ways, and she can really just focus in on herself, I think she can do some other-worldly things."

#### CORRECTION

In an article on Page C2 of the June 2 edition titled "Berkeley girls excel at national regatta", a Berkeley High School boat should have been identified as the girls Varsity 8 boat.

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#### FINAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL POLL

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2.	Bishop O'Dowd	22-6	Finishes as 3A runner-up after knocking out No. 1 California and No.
3.	Dublin	20-6-1	Rides the arm of Evan Ellison to the program's first NCS championship
4.	Deer Valley	19-8	Wolverines reach 3A semifinals before falling to Alameda 4-0
5.	De La Salle	21-6	Wins first two playoff games by a combined score of 19-4
в.	California	21-4	Becomes the sixth straight No. 1 seed not to win the 3A East Bay title
7.	Monte Vista	19-6	Mustangs bounced in quarterfinals by eventual champion Alamoid
В.	Northgate	18-10	Despite sixth-place DFAL finish, Broncos finish as runners-up to the
9.	John Swett	21-4	Upsets three-time defending champion Justin-Siena-Napa to win Class
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Others receiving votes: Albany (18-5-1), Athenian (16-9). The baseball poll incorporates all East Br of season

#### FISHING REPORT

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#### Carter

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Wednesday and run through Saturday at Cal State Sacramento.
Cal coach Chris Huffins marvels at Carter's development over
her four years in Berkeley.
"I'll tell you this, Antonette is
probably the biggest success story
in the United States," he said.
Huffins was referring to
Carter's track exploits, but he
could have been talking about
the difficult path that delivered
Carter to this point.

She transferred to Mt. Diablo
as a sophomore in 1999 after
moving from Illinois. Carter
headed west with her mother,
Cynthia, and twin brother, Antonio, after her parents divorced.
Tough times would hit. Her
mother got laid off from her job
with Lucent Technologies in
Alameda, and the family was
evicted from their home when
Carter was a junior.

Antonette began working a
succession of jobs to help make
ends meet, first at Burlington
Coat Factory, later at Office Max
and Best Buy.

Making the situation tougher,
Antonio moved back to Illinois to
attend a military school. "It was
hard times," Carter remembered.

Her mother eventually would
move in with Carter's aunt in Richmond, while Carter moved in with
Heather Nevis — an economics
teacher at Mt. Diablo — for the last
half of her senior year. Nevis didn't want Carter to transfer schools
or commute from Richmond.

Carter still credits Nevis and
Randy Depew, a multimedia instructor at Mt. Diablo, for their
guidance during that period.

"Those two, they really put
things in context for me," she said.
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things in context for me," she said.
"They worked me really, really
hard. I just lived with (Nevis) until the end of the school year. She
was like one of my best friends.
"At first me and her did not

get along. At that time, I had a lot going on in my life, so I was probably acting out."

But Carter remained focused on the track, qualifying for the state meet in the long jump and 300-meter hurdles and earning a scholarship to Cal.

"She was very focused, very driven in what she wanted to get done," former Mt. Diablo track coach Joe Bautista said. "It's very easy, especially for a student in her situation, to get swayed to do things that might not be helpful to her and might bring her down from her goals."

"Words just can't say how proud I am of her," Cynthia Carter said. "... It hasn't all been easy — mentally and physically, and financially. (But) she has that drive in her."

Carter also has a natural curiosity that makes her want to branch out and try new things. She began taking Japanese classes in high school back in Illinois, then resumed studying the language when she got to Cal. "I didn't want to learn Spanish because everybody's learning it," she said. "I thought Japanese would be more of a challenge."

Carter mastered two of the three alphabets in the Japanese language and made a trip to Japan in January 2005.

She has a tattoo on her upper back of Japanese characters that spell the word "twin." Her brother Antonio sports the same tattoo on his arm.

Ever the perfectionist, Carter said with a touch of humor that she stopped taking Japanese as a junior at Cal because she was frustrated at getting C's in the subject.

But she's just as proud of her academic performance as she is her athletics. She's taken advantage of numerous tutoring services at Cal, and describes her grade point average as "a strugging 2.7." She's on track to complete her degree in legal studies in the fall.

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controlled by gun-toting gangs. Now in prison, he dreams of returning to rescue his sister, a doped-up pet of the zone's top mobster. A showcase for the contemporary discipline of parkour. — D. Germain. (R: strong volence, some drug content, language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C

FRIENDS WITH MONEY": A quartet of marvelous actresses — Frances McDormand, Catherine Keener, Joan Cusack and Jennifer Aniston — shine in this wry and observant comedy-drama about a group of Southern California women coping with life, mates and money ... or the lack of it. — R. Myers. (R: language, some sexual situations, brief drug use.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. A-

"GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS":
Sports cliches flood this overly
earnest soccer film about a Mexicanborn athlete realizing his dream in
England. Kuno Becker's charisma
makes it worth watching, but on cable. — R. Myers, (PG: language, sex
ual situations, some thematic material.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. C

ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN": Three "ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN": Three furry friends.— Manny the mammoth, Sid the sloth and Diego the sabertoothed tiger — head out on a journey to find an ark as an ice dam surrounding their village threatens to buckle. Sound moral lessons for the kiddies, and the animation is better than the screenplay.— R. Myers. (PG: some mild language, innuendo.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C+

1 hour, 25 minutes, C+

"INSIDE MAN": This clever heist drama not only jump-starts director Spike Lee's career, but revitalizes the tired genre. Four robbers (Clive Owe among them), take nearly 50 people hostage at a Manhattan bank. With Denzel Washington as the negotiator on the scene. — R. Myers, (R: language, some violent content.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. A
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hours, 9 minutes. A"JUST MY LUCK": In this wan little
comedy, Lindsay Lohan is a tooyoung, too-pretty PR. firm functionary
who owes her success to luck. Jake
(Chris Pine) is her polar opposite, a
janitor in a bowling alley. He crashes
her VIP party and, with a kiss, they
exchange luck. She loses it. He has
it. — R. Moore. (PG-13: some brief
sexual references.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C

KEEPING UP WITH THE STEINS": This sitcom masquerading as a movie amusingly follows the planning of a bar mitzvah. Lots of kvetching among family members, with tidy solutions. The cast, especially Jeremy Piven and Jami Gertz, is fine but the script ho-hum. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some crude language, nudity, brief drug references.) 1 hour, 24 minutes C+

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"THE LOST CITY": Andy Garcia's ode to the Havana of pre-communist Cuba is a romantic epic that doesn't say much. His character, Fico, is living the high life as owner of a glamorous Havana nightclub when the revolution sweeps in. His two younger brothers fervently embrace it, but Fico predicts the country's destruction under Castro. — S. Holden. (R: violence.) 2 hours, 23 minutes. C"Mitilli": Super apert Ethan Hunt.

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(Torn Cruise) returns for his most accomplished big-screen mission yet,
going after a deadly arms dealer
(Philip Seymour Hoffman). Loaded
with intense action, snappy writing
and great performances. Nearly loses
control at the end, but not quite. — R.
Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of
violence and menace, disturbing images, some sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B+ ages, solutes. B+

utes. B+

"MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT": Joan Plowright is a widow who moves to London in search of culture and the company of her only grandson. But the elegant hotel she anticipated turns out to be a shabby pensioners home, and the grandson a no-show. Then she falls into an unlikely friendship with an aspiring writer a quarter her age. — C. Chocano. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 48 min utes. C

utes. C
"THE OMEN": In this stylish remake
of the 1976 horror classic, Liev
Schreiber and Julia Stiles play the
luckless host parents of Satan's
spawn. Mis Farrow is devilishly delicious as a Mary Poppins gone homicidal. Better than the original. — R.
Wyers. (R: disturbing violent content,
graphic images, some language.) 1
hour, 50 minutes. B+

hour, 50 minutes. B+

"OVER THE HEDGE": The 'burbs get irreverently roasted in this peppy animated feature that avoids being another "Shrek" rip-off. A gang of woodland critters (voiced by Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling and Wanda Sykes, among others) tries to make peace with the growing suburbia next door.

— R. Myers. (PG: some rude humor, mild comic action.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B

utes. B
"PEACEFUL WARRIOR": An insufferably long new-age ditty about an arrogant UC Berkeley gymnast who
learns to master the ropes of his life.
Poorly written and acted, saved only
by a sometimes-cool visual style.
With Nick Nolte as a cosmic philoso-

pher. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sensuality, sex references, accident scenes.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. D+
"POSEIDON": The 1972 upside-down luxury liner disaster classic "The Poseidon Adventure" was all about action, not the characters. But this remake goes the opposite way. Bad move. Instead of Shelley Winters, we get Richard Dreyfuss. Hollow and boring. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense prolonged sequences of disaster and peril). I hour, 39 minutes. C=
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ter and peril.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C"THE PROPOSITION": Kill your
crazy older brother so your younger
one can live. That's the moral
quandary faced by an 1880s desperado (Guy Parce) in this bloodsoaked, risk-taking Western set in the
outback. Screenplay by indie musician Nick Caye. — R. Myers. (R:
strong, grisly violence, language.) 1
hour, 44 minutes. A-

"THE PUFFY CHAIR": Delivering a 1985 lounger to his dad in Attanta takes on the air of a mission impossible for an unlucky New Yorker along with his girlfined and brother. This independent gem from the talented Duplass brothers is comical and touching, probing deeper into the complexities of relationships than you would expect. — R. Myers, (R: language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B "RV": A slap-happy comedy starring Robin Williams as a soft-drink executive who, when a deal is about to go sour, rents an R.V. and takes the wife and kids on the road. — R. Moore. (PG: crude humor, innuendo, language.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B "SEE NO EVIL": This World Wrestling

guage.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B
"SEE NO EVIL": This World Wrestling
Entertainment venture has everything
you'd expect — fake kicks, fake
punches and shots to the groin. Pro
wrestler Kane plays a remorseless
killer in this slasher/dead teenager
movie. Generic and predictable. — R.
Moore. (R: strong gruesome violence
and gore, language, sexual content,
some drug use.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. D
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"SKETCHES OF FRANK GEHRY":
Architecture is the slowest of the arts,
but first-time documentarian Sydney
Pollack manages to make his own art
form look like the sluggish one. Although cannily structured and consistently entertaining, the movie, as an
exploration of architect Frank Gehry's
talents and his legacy, is more than a
little out of date. — C. Hawthome.
(PG-13: brief strong language.) 1
hour, 22 minutes. C
"STICK IT": A retread of "Bring It

"STICK IT": A retread of "Bring It On," with gymnastics in place of cheerleading. Missy Peregrym, with a mix of beauty and tomboyish strength,

#### OPENING TODAY

"DEAD MAN'S SHOES" (NR)
A soldier returns to his hometown to seek vengeance on those who tormented his younger brother.

THE KING" (R)

"A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION"
(PG-13)
A fictionalized final performance of
Garrison Keillor's popular radio pro
gram is the focus of this ode to
Midwestern living. With Meryl

brings a nice presence to this otherwise stereotypical offering. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: sexual jokes, strong language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

"THANK YOU FOR SMOKING": Persuasive Big Tobacco spinmeister Nick (Aaron Eckhart) is the amoral center of this clever, rambunctious satire that skewers everything from D.C. to Hollywood. — R. Myers. (R: language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. B+

utes. B+
"TYPHOON": Film follows a naval of-ficer tracking down a terrorist (Sin) with a crazed need to destroy South Korea. Yet he has a back story that provides a good reason to hate the South Koreans; the terror he brings cannot be righteous, but it is under-standable. —S. Hunter, (R: extreme violence, brief language; in Korean with subtitles.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

"UNITED 93": Director Paul Green-grass ("The Bourne Supremacy") im-merses us in an insider's view of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. With a rela-tively low budget and no big stars, it

Streep, Lindsay Lohan and Woody Harrelson

#### Coming soon

"NACHO LIBRE" (NR)
Jack Black stars as a cook by day,
Mexican lucha libre wrestler at night
in this comedy from the creators of
"Napoleon Dynamite." (June 16)

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"SUPERMAN" (PG-13)
After a long hiatus, the Man of Stee returns to the big screen. Directed by Bryan Singer, with Kevin Spacey, Kale Bosworth and newcomer Brandon Routh. (June 28)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA" (PG-

Meryl Streep stars in this film ver-sion of the best-seller about a high-powered fashion editor and her small-town assistant. (June 30)

chronicles with documentarylike precision how that day unfolded. — R. Myers. (R: language, some intense sequences of terror and violence.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A

"V FOR VENDETTA": A complex futuristic thriller by the creators of "The Matrix" movies. Based on a graphic novel about a masked Renaissance-type man who enlists the help of a young woman (Natalie Portman) to fight a totalitarian government. — R. Myers. (R: strong violence, some lan guage.) 2 hours, 13 minutes. B+

'X-MEN: THE LAST STAND": Pund "X-MEN: THE LAST STAND": Punc-uated with wows, this sequel will be a relief to fans worried about Bryan Singer handing the directing reins to Brett Ratrier ("Rush Hour"). Hugh Jackman once again stands out among the stellar cast: Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Ian McKellen. The premise? A possible cure for mu-tancy. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence, some sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. B+

## **Events**

CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ Berkeley City Club — Pacific Mozart Ensemble, June 11, 5 p.m. The Ensemble's annual 'A Cappella Jazz and Pop Concert' will feature works by Johnny Cash, Nat King Cole, Gloria Estefan and others. \$15-\$20. 415-705-0848, www.pacificmozart.org 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

ley.

First Congregational Church Of Berkeley — Cantabile presents "Mostly Mozart, Partly Part," June 11, 7:30 p.m. Artistic Director Sanford Dole conducting. Guest artists: Mitzie Weiner, soprano; Elspeth Franks, soprano; Kevin Gibbs, tenor; Jeff Fields, bass; T. Paul Rosas, piano; and the Mission Orchestra. The program features works of Mozart. \$6-\$25. www.cantabille.org. Betsy Rose, June 16, 7:15 p.m. Rose sings songs from the repertoire of her monthly "Womansong" gatherings as well as tunes from her community musical peace project, "Singing for Peace." She will be accompanied by a chorus. \$15-\$20 suggested donation. 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

■ Julia Morgan Center For The Arts
— Seda Ensemble, June 11, 7 p.m.
The six-person ensemble performs
"Masterpieces of Contemporary Persian Classical Music." \$25. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542, www.juliamorgan.org.

■ Oakland Opera Theater — Anthony Davis' "X, The Life and Times of Malcolm X," through June 11. The

opera, based on Christopher Davis' book, chronicles the life of the dynamic civil rights leader, from his youth in Lansing, Michigan to his assasination in 1995. Libretto by Thulani Davis, Tuesday-Sunday, 8 p.m. NO PERFORMANCES JUNE 5 AND JUNE 8, 322-336. Oakland Metro, 20 Broadway, Oakland, 510-763-1146, www.yakland.orger.gr.cg.

www.oaklandopera.org.

St. John's Presbyterian Church

"Chamber Music Sundaes," June
18, 3:15 p.m. "Chamber Music Sundaes" datures some of the talented
musicians of the San Francisco Symphony performing in small groups.
This program will include works of
Strauss and Faure, as well as Scottish fiddle duos. \$9-\$21. www.chambermusicsundaes.org 2727 College
Ave., Berkeley, 510-845-6830,
www.stjohns.presbychurch.net.

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The 2006 Berkeley Festival And
Exhibition — "The 2006 Berkeley
Festival and Exhibition," through June
11. This weeklong early-music fest
features a lineup of classical early
music performances as well as symposiums, conferences, a Baroque
carnival, a marketplace and more.
Presented by Cal Performances in
conjunction with the San Francisco
Early Music Society, Early Music
America and the Department of Music
at the University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, btx. berkeley.edu.
"The Berkeley Festival Fringe,"
through June 11. One of the components of each Berkeley Festival is the

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#### MOVIE LISTINGS

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Piedmont Theatre
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•Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) 10:50, 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20.

•The Omen (R) 12, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10,

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Shattuck Cinemas

\*2:30 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-48-5990

•Brick (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45.

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•The Lost City (R) 12:45, 8:35.

•Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont (Not Rated) 3:50, 6:10.

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Kabuki Cinema

Kabuki Cinema
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
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Castro Theatre to 415-621-6120

Clay Theatre 2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-

•A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:40.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas

287-4993 **eAn inconvenient Truth** (PG) 12, 12:20, 1, 2:20, 2:50, 3:30, 4:40, 5:20, 6, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:40, 10:20. **eDistrict B13** (R) 12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:30, •Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50.

Lumiere Theatre \*
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
1 The King (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.
1 The Proposition (R) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:50.
1 Thank You for Smoking (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35.

Opera Plaza Cinema 601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893 •Art School Confidential (R) 2, 4:30, 7,

9/30. •Brick (R):1:30, 4, 6:45, 9:20. •The Lost City (R):1:45, 5, 8:15. •The Puffy Chair (R):2:15, 4:45, 7:15.

Red Vic Movie House

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Altarena Playhouse — "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," by Clark Gesner, through June 11. This musical classic, based on Charles M. Schulz's timeless comicistrip "Peanuts," brings to life the youthful and playful world of Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Sally, Schroeder and Snoopy. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$15-\$18. 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553, www.altarena.org.

- Berkeley City Club "Walking the Dead," through Oct. 29. Theatre Q presents Keith Curran's work about the tragic death of a transgendered person. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$18-\$20. 510-326-8197, www.theatreq.org. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.
- \*\*Berkeley Repertory Theatre —
  "The Glass Menagerie," by Tennessee Williams, through July 2.
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  La Val's Subterranean Theatre
  —"Music for 2 Cellos and 24 Televisions," by David Rhodes, through
  June 10, 8 p.m. This performance
  includes electronic music, live cellists and dissected footage, which
  creates a multi-dimensional wall of
  image and sound. Presented by
  Crowded Fire Theater Company. Friday-Saturday, \$10. www.crowdedfire.org. 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.
  510-464-4468.

  Masquares Playhouse.
- Masquers Playhouse "The Fantasticks," by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones, June 9 through July 22. Based on Rostand's "Les Romanesques" and George Fleming's original classic "The Fantasticks," this musical cornedy tells the tale of young lovers who become disillusioned only to discover a more mature and meaningful love. Firiday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; June 25, July 2, July 9 and July 16, 2:30 p.m. \$18. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. \$10-232-4031, www.masquers.org.
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  Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-6500,
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  The Marsh Berkeley "Aphrodisia," by Stephanie Weisman, through June 10. Marsh Founder Stephanie Weisman unveils her own work in "Aphrodisia," a tender muse on embracing the intimacy of love and life. The performance features dance by Ellen Webb and music by Ellen Hoffman. Guest performers include Damara Ganley, Deborah Gwinn and Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. \$17-\$50. The Gaia Building, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley, Info: 415-826-5750, Tickets: 800-838-3006, www.themarsh.org.

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Of Berkeley — "Lily, the Felon's
Daughter," by Tom Taggart, June 10
through June 18. The sad but silly
tale of Lily Fairweather, her week but
handsome sweetheart Compton,
and the conniving Craven Sinclair
who thwarts their plans for everlasting bliss. June 10, June 16 and
June 17, 8 p.m.; June 11 and June
18, 3 p.m. \$20. One Lawson Road,
Kensington. 510-524-2912,
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DANCE

■ Cal Performances — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. "Hells Kitchen Dance," June 15 through June 18. Featured dancer: Mikhail Baryshnikov. The program features the West Coast premiere of "Hells Kitchen Dance," which includes Benjamin Millepied's "Years Later," as well as "Come In" and "Over/Come" by Aszure Barton. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$60. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ Julia Morgan Center For The Arts — NATyA, June 10, 4 p.m. The program, titled "Lost Tales: Glimpses from 1000 Ramayanas'," combines the Indian classical dance

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La Pena Cultural Center —
"Cuban Dance Benefit," June 11.
3:30 p.m.; Rumba dance class. \$15.
5 p.m.; Popular Cuban dance class including Salsa and Mambo. \$15.
8 p.m.; Dance performance by Alayo and Arenas Dance Companies, \$16.
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510849-2568, www.lapena.org.

Shatuck Down Low — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shatuck Ave., Berkeley. 510- 548-1159, www.shatuckdownlow.com.

■ Starry Plough Pub — "Ceili and Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starryploughpub.com.

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924 Gilman St., Berkeley, 510-5259926, www.924gilman.org.

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Beckett's Irish Pub — 2Me, Jun 9. The Skindivers, June 10, Free. Shows at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave.. Berkeley. 511-647-1790, www.beckettsirishpub.com.

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There are actually several things to consider when thinking about the of another vehicle. You must first get the calculator out, do some Indianal answer some questions:

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Do you realize that registration for new cars is triple the cost of older ones?

New cars require full coverage insurance, and depending on what type you purchase and what ages the drivers are, this can cost a few nd dollars a year.

The type of driving you plan to do is another factor. If you commute 50 aday, it makes more sense to purchase a new car. A new car will get gas mileage, and most makes will be more reliable that your older car. egr, if you take BART or public transportation to work or if the car gets on lor local trips only and an occasional weekend outing, then it probably more sense to keep your older vehicle.

You must also remember that new cars are not maintenance free. Most ar warranties do not cover oil changes, services, brakes, tires and many reomponents. New cars are also more expensive to repair due to the ost of electronic components and the difficulty in isolating the problem.

If you consider keeping and maintaining your older car, you must first athow much it costs you. I suggest people figure out how much they are ting on non-maintenance repairs. Take five years worth of repair orders seeipts, and exclude the maintenance repairs such as oil changes, ses, tires, alignments and any repairs that are caused by driver lence like mirrors, taillights and any interior/exterior damage, as these would be needed on a new car. Total these and then divide by the

number of years you have receipts for. Remember, there will be years when you have big ticket items like a transmission or head gasket etc. If the non-maintenance repairs total \$1200.00 per year for Volvo or \$800.00 per year for Toyota, you may be spending too much and it may be time to move on to

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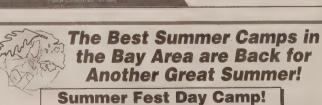
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### House Specials

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Z Cosmopolitan Skyy Vodka, triple sec, splash of cranberry juice and fresh lin	
Z Vanilla Lemon Drop Stolichnaya Vanil, triple sec, fresh squeezed lemon juice, sugar	
Strawberry Martini Strawberry and lots of Stolichnaya Strasberi Vodka, sugar rin	
Espresso, Kahlua & vodka	6.50
Mango Martini Mango and lots of Finlandia Mango Vodka, triple sec, fresh squeezed ilme	6.50
Grey Goose Martini Shaken Smoooooooth vodka, no vermouth unless requested.	7.00
Bombay Sapphire Martini Shaken & Bruised (stirred if you prefer)	6.50
Raspberry Bubble Martini champagne, Skyy vodka, Chambord, splash of lemonade, sugar rim, served with raspberries	6.50
Green Apple Martin! Skyy Vodka, apple liqueur, triple sec, splash of sweet & sour	6.50
Blue Martini Skyy Vodka, Blue Curacao, orange silce	6.00
Mudsilde Martini Kahlua, Balley's Stollchnaya vodka	6.50
Vampyre Gibson Vampyre's red voaka, dry vermouth, served with onions (not gar	7.00 lic)
Black Cherry Effen Martini Holland's smoothest vodka, cherry	7.50
Ciroc Grape Martini 100% Ciroc Grape Vodka, served with grapes	7.00
Blueberry Lemon Drop Stolichnaya Blueberri Vadka, triple sec, fresh squeezed iemo sugar rim, served with blueberries	6.50 n,
Dirty Three Olives Martini Three Olives Vodka, olive brine and three olives	7.00
Key Lime Ple Kaffir Lime Hanger One Vodka, cream, fresh squeezed Ilme	7.50
Manhattan Maker's Mark bourbon, vermouth (sweet or dry).	6.50
dash of Angostura bitters	

Bombay Sapphire, Camparl & sweet vermouth
Side Car
Brandy, triple sec, sweet & sour, sugar rim, lemon twist
Fresh Crushed Molito
Cruzan rum, fresh mint & fresh ilme, splash of simply syrup
Hot Mocha Mint
Rumplemintz & hot chocolate, topped with fresh whipped cre
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Mehdi Special
Malibu coconut rum, Bacardi light rum, cranberry,
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Bessie Mae Jones

County of Alarmeda
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Judy
Mac Coie Be appointed as
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to administer the estate
of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests
the decedent's will and
codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will
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#### NOTICE OF BUDGET INSPECTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

SHEILA JORDAN, Superintendent Alameda County Office of Education

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By: Carlene Naylor Associate Superintendent Business Administration 18

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 07/13/06 at 9:00AM in Dept, 61 located at 725 COURT STREET, MARTINEZ, CA 94553

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Opens: Today, area theaters
1 hour, 56 minutes

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(Owen Wilson) heading for a showdown between his two main competitors — the King (voice of race car icon Richard Petty) and the play-dirty Chick Hicks (Michael Keaton).

On his way to the Piston Cup Championship, the fame-seeking Lightning takes a detour and finds himself stalled in a small, nearly deserted town called Radiator Springs, located right off the American landmark roadway, Route 66. Lightning's flashy demeanor immediately collides with the town's more languid pace, where he's sentenced to do some community service work. Initially, Lightning wants nothing to do with the rundown town and its quirky inhabitants. That, of course, changes as he learns that fame, glory and lucrative endorsements do not make a wonderful life. He also witnesses how Americans' quest for instant gratification goes counter to American values.

mysterious Doc Hudson (a seen-it-all Paul Newman), a '51 Hor-net who serves as judge and doc-tor; the sporty Porsche named Sally Carrera (Bonnie Hunt); the hillbilly tow truck Mater (Larry the Cable Guy); hippie VW bus Fillmore (George Carlin); a yel-low Fiat, Luigi (Tony Shalhoub), and many others, each with its own distinctive personality.

own distinctive personality.

All are on par with other unforgettable Pixar characters, even if they're not as adorable as Sulley ("Monsters, Inc.") or Woody ("Toy Story").

Everything in "Cars" is fine-tuned and polished. The script is unfailingly witty, the animation is breathtaking and clever (be sure to do a double-take on the rock formations in Radiator Springs), the cast of voice actors is spirited and funny, and the direction as accomplished as any film you're likely to see this year.

Just hop in that car and race

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#### Festival

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Under Cole's direction, the festival has always combined performance with scholarship. This year's lineup brings a number of visiting organizations to Berkeley for meetings and special events; organized by S.F. Early Music Society, they include Early Music America, the Viola da Gamba Society, American Recorder Society and the Western Early Keyboard Association.

There's a mercantile aspect as well: One of the festival's most

attractive features is the Exhibition and Marketplace, which features instruments, publications, recordings, accessories and "mini-concert" demonstrations by craftsmen and instrument builders. The marketplace is free and open to the public through Saturday at First Congregational Church.

The festival's "Fringe" sched-ule includes performances by the Sitka Trio, the Galax Quartet, Vox Populi Vocal Ensemble, Sheli Nan and the Musicians Angelic, Susan Rode Morris, Ensemble Vermillion, Flauti Diversi and the American Recorder Society.

## aming film happily celebrates the Midwest

th find this lag. They — 0 — will likely numerous murvelously perod A-listers inp. Lily Tomlin, why Harrelson



**KEVIN KLINE** serves as the film's narrator and plays a private investigator hired to run security at the WTL radio station.

They'll also cherish how this bit of nostalgia comes off like a taped version of a Keillor broadcast.

Where fans might be disappointed is in the fictionalized tale Keillor (who wrote the screenplay) has whipped up. It imagines that a big, bad corporate giant has recently bought the radio station WTL, leading to the final performance of "A Prairie Home Companion."

Nearly all of the movie is

Companion."

Nearly all of the movie is framed around this last, eventful show, a period when the closely knit cast and crew — a cowboy singing duo (Reilly/Harrelson) and a sister act (Streep/Tomlin) among others — reflect about the good and bad times, before stepping onstage for that last act.

old wounds that are not entirely healed reopen, even erupting into anger. A troubled young woman (Lohan) talks about death. A beloved member of the cast dies. And a mysterious woman (Virginia Madsen) dressed entirely in white glides through the halls, speaking in a wispy, off-putting voice. She catches the eye of the film's narrator, a PI hired to run security (Kevin Kline, demonstrating yet again just how proficient and theatrical an actor he is).

Ostensibly, it is Keillor who serves as the evening's grandmaster. In a shrewd bit of self-skewerment, the radio giant saddles himself with a less-than-heroic character, an unsentimental cre-

## 'A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION'

B+

Rated: PG-13 (risque humor)
Opens: Today, area theaters.

1 hour, 45 minutes

See the trailer at ContraCostaTimes.com.

ator who had an affair with Yolanda Johnson (a terrific Streep). Unfortunately, Keillor doesn't have much of a screen presence.

But the most important player, one not listed in the credits, is the Grim Reaper. His presence is strongly felt throughout "Prairie," which is basically a tribute to the halcyon days of radio, a medium being trampled under by large corporations.

porations.

From the above synopsis, it may sound like "Prairie" is a preachy bummer. But never is it dreary or didactic. If anything, it fully embraces life in all its utter, merry messiness. Best of all, it showcases the resiliency of Midwesterners, those honest and colorful souls who helped put "Lake Wobegone" on the map.

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as the intense, tightly wound
Malcolm, and his singing
sounded focused and resonant
in even the most virtuosic vocal
lines. Soprano Duana Demus
and tenor Jason Jackson were
the other standouts; Darron
Flagg was overmatched by the
music for Nation of Islam
founder Elijah Muhammad. The
ensemble sang handsomely
through the choral passages,
which soar, loop back and start
over again like Baroque da capo
arias.

This was both a delight and a rse. Musically and dramati-

cally, "X" began to feel repetitive before intermission; in the second half, the production's energy sagged. Director Mohammed contributes to the sense of malaise by moving people on and off the stage, only to have them do nothing in particular. At nearly three hours, the show could benefit from a little judicious editing.





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#### **KRON** anchor shares thoughts

RON ANCHOR Catherine Heenan is one of the real pros in local TV news — poised, professional, smart. I tossed her a few questions about TV news the other day. For years, she was still KRON's weekend anchor. Does she miss that?

"You know, I'd almost forgotten what it's like to have weekends off. One of my first free Saturdays, I remember strolling through a mall and thinking, Boy, the economy must be picking up. ...' Of course, it was just the fact normal people with normal schedules were packing the place."

Any faves at the networks?

"My favorite anchor these days is Bob Schieffer. He's great. And I love the fact that ratings for the CBS Evening News have been climbing. I'll miss him when Katie comes on board. Nothing against katie, but I say keep Bob.

Role models growing up?
"I grew up thinking David Brinkley. He kept things simple and clear. I certainly never tried to copy his style, but I've always liked clean, to-the-point news writing and delivery. And I always assume the audience is smart. Most people can tell if you're posturing or trying too hard."

Is she glad May sweeps are

Is she glad May sweeps are over?

"I don't have any strong feelings about sweeps. Having never been asked to do anything terribly stupid or sensational, I've never been burned by the concept. In fact, looking back, sweeps stories took me to places like Gambia and Northern Ireland.

Asked about her tenure at Channel 4, Heenan said, "It's been about 15 years. I was immediately impressed with the fact that it's a newsroom of nice people. No screamers, just genuinely nice people — many of them very talented. That's still the case."

I remembered Tom Sinkovitz, now her weekday partner, as Heenan's first co-anchor, but Heenan reminded me that it was "Bay Area Backroads" then-host Jerry Graham, albeit briefly. "Tom came to KRON shortly after I did," Heenan asys

ter I did," Heenan says

CLASS-IMPARIED: Then
there's the other extreme, KGO
Radio's infamous, also longtenured overnight talk host,
Ray Taliaferro.

I rarely listen to late-night
radio, but I happened to be up
at 4:30 a.m. one day recently,
getting ready to take an early
flight. I hadn't caught Taliaferro's tiresome act in years,
but I figured he'd jolt me
awake with anger. The dreadful
Taliaferro didn't disappoint.

Now, I should mention that I
happen to agree with many of
Mr. T's political views — I'm no
fan of either Mr. Bush nor his
ill-considered war. But that's
beside the point. The point is
the deplorable way the supercilious talk host treats callers
who disagree with him.

One caller that morning who
was being fairly civil was called
a "fool," then Taliaferro ludicrously boasted that his was
"the highest-rated talk show
anywhere." Which is — pardon
the expression — the kind of
thing only a fool would say.
(Overnight shows, even on
50,000-watt, multi-state stations,
attract but a fraction of the audience of commute-time shows).

I would submit that Taliaferro has probably chased more
people away from voting Democratic than anyone in radio.

Same thing with Bernie Ward,
whose KGO show precedes Taliaferro's. Again, I agree with
Ward on many political issues.

But this just-as-annoying human bullhorn probably does far
more damage to the left than
right-wing radio ever could.



"BAROQUE CARNIVAL," featured at the Berkeley Festival, is a musical theater production based on a 17th century Roman festival. It makes its U.S. premiere today and Saturday at Zellerbach Playhouse.

## Get immersed in music history

■ 2006 Berkeley Festival & Exhibition will thrill the senses

By Georgia Rowe

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CORRESPONDENT

A re-creation of a 17th century
Roman carnival complete with jugglers, tumblers, musicians and vocalists. Concerts, lectures, demonstrations and master classes. With
10 mainstage performances,
dozens of "Fringe" events and a
dizzying array of concurrent activities, the 2006 Berkeley Festival
& Exhibition is an all-you-can-eat
buffet for early music enthusiasts.
Back after a four-year hiatus, the
Baroque bash has returned this
week with renewed vigor.

It may not be humanly possible
to sample everything on the menu,
which runs through Sunday at various Berkeley and San Francisco
venues. But adventurous music
lovers can have a great time trying.
This year's festival, which is presented by Cal Performances in conjunction with the San Francisco
Early Music Society, Early Music
America, the UC Berkeley Music
Department, American Bach
Soloists and Philharmonia Baroque
Orchestra, offers an action-packed
calendar of events. Audiences will
have the chance to see, hear and
mingle with many of the world's
top early music artists and practitioners.

#### **PREVIEW**

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The calendar closes with "The Itinerant Virtuosi," featuring harpsichordist Skip Sempe and his Capriccio Stravagante Trio (Sunday, Hertz Hall).

This year's featured event is "Baroque Carnival," a musical theater production based on a 17th century Roman festival. The multimedia French import features the musicians and vocalists of Le Poeme Harmonique, joined by circus artists from Le Centre National des Arts du Cirque. It makes its U.S. premiere today and Saturday at Zellerbach Playhouse.

"Baroque Carnival" marks the first Bay Area appearances of Le Poeme Harmonique, the Parisbased early music ensemble that has taken Europe by storm. UC Berkeley's Kate van Orden — a musician who performs with American Bach Soloists, Philharmonia Baroque and others — saw the group in France in a recent performance of Lully's "Le

Bourgeous Gentilhomme."

"They're fantastic," says van Orden, who was scheduled to give a series of lectures at the festival. "This is the new generation of early music performers. They're young, vibrant and very talented. They've just made a big breakthrough in Europe, so we're catching them right at the beginning of their curve."

A forerunner of the modernday circus, "Baroque Carnival" draws on commedia dell'arte traditions of 17th century Italy. The production creates the sights, sounds and atmosphere of the 10-day Carnival preceding Lent; set in the Piazza Navona, with designs based on engravings by Jacques Callot, it incorporates processions, banquets and performances by singers, musicians, acrobats and classic commedia characters.

Van Orden, who thinks Berke-

carrobats and classic commedia characters.

Van Orden, who thinks Berkeley audiences will love "Baroque Carnival," says the production represents a new approach to period performance. "This will be something we've never seen here before," she says. "The way this group performs is accessible and very imaginative. It's authentic Baroque performance, but they're putting it together with their own narrative. They're very liberated that way: They immerse themselves in history, but they don't use history as a script."

Performances of "Baroque Carnival" are recommended for all ages; half-price tickets are available for children 16 and

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all ages; half-price tickets are available for children 16 and younger.

Additional programs include Asteria performing chansons by Dufay and other French composers (Sunday, Hertz Hall); a "Venetian Carnival" with Musica Pacifica, featuring chamber works by Vivaldi, Uccellini and Albinoni (Saturday, Hertz Hall); a program of 17th century German music with the violin band the King's Noyse and brass ensemble the Whole Noyse (Saturday, Hertz Hall); and "Viva Vivaldi," featuring the composer's "Four Seasons" performed by the Philharmonia Chamber Players (Saturday, First Congregational Church). The American Bach Soloists' International Bach Competition is also part of the calendar, with finals today at First Congregational Church. Founded in 1990 by Cal Performances director Robert Cole, the Berkeley Festival has become one of the world's leading early music festivals. Past festivals have included the U.S. premiere of Mark Morris' innovative staging of Rameau's opera-ballet "Platee," as well as the re-creation of the equestrian ballet "Le Carrousel du Roi."

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## 'Malcolm X' music thrills, but production lags

By Georgia Rowe

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CORRESPONDENT

If his life hadn't been cut
short by an assassin's bullet,
Malcolm X would have been 81
this year. The legendary civil
rights leader died more than 40
years ago, and it's not easy to
reconcile images of the passionate young philosopher-activist with the senior citizen he'd
be today, had he lived.

Historical perspective adds a
dimension of interest to the Oakland Opera Theater's new production of "X, The Life and
Times of Malcolm X." Anthony
Davis' opera opened Sunday afternoon at the Oakland Metro,
where it continues through Sunday.

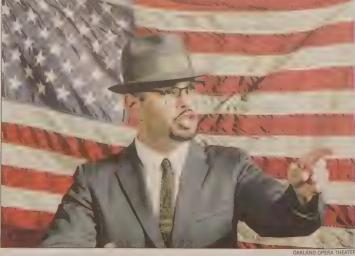
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It's a production that should attract music scholars as well as students of American history, and it offers Bay Area opera lovers a belated first chance to hear the work performed live. After its world premiere in 1986 at New York City Opera, "X" was recorded (and nominated for a Grammy Award), but has been infrequently staged since then.

Director Michael Mohammed doesn't give it an ideal production. But there was much to admire in Sunday's performance, from the pulsing score by Davis and the affecting libretto by poetplaywright Thulani Davis (the composer's cousin), to the cast, headed by the excellent young bartione Joseph Wright in the title role.

"X" is a fairly straightforward



BARITONE JOSEPH WRIGHT stars as the well-known civil rights leader in "X, The Life and Times of Malcolm X," playing at the Oakland Opera Theater. The opera works best when it keeps things simple

Malcolm X," playing at the Oaklan colm's best-selling autobiography) did. But the opera covers many of the events that shaped his life: the Michigan childhood cut short by his father's violent death and his mother's subsequent breakdown; Malcolm's coming of age as a street hustler in Boston's inner city; and a stretch of time in prison, where he converted to Islam and embarked on his controversial career as a Muslim preacher.

Davis, who also wrote the opera "Amistad," aims high with

"X." The score is based in jazz traditions, but the listener hears influences from grand opera to minimalism, and the composer gives the singers plenty of music to flatter the voice. Led by Deirdre McClure, an energetic eight-piece chamber group squeezed into an upstairs platform and churned out the score; the singers, many double- and triple-cast, did the rest.

Wight was particularly strong

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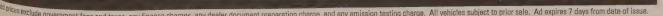












## Wife's search for 1953 Cadillac located on eBay

Witnessing the enjoyment that her husband, Jim, derived from taking his vintage Cadillate to various antique car events, Nancy Preston thought she could use some of that brand of enjoyment herself.

A couple of years ago the couple began a leisurely search for an appropriate antique automobile that suited her. Preston's car had to be old, but not too old, and it had to be easy to drive, which meant automatic transmission with power steering and power brakes. Air conditioning would be nice but most importantly, the car had to have style. She would know it when she saw it.

Candidates from hither and yon were examined and found lacking until a fateful day about one year

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ago. Preston's husband found a 1953 Cadillac for sale on eBay. Several pictures of the car were posted and he called for his wife to take a look at the striking white over blue Cadillac. One look was all it took. "Go for that," she said. He did and the good news was that he was successful. The bad news was that the car was in British Columbia.

He bought the car in June 2005 and it was delivered to his Virginia home soon thereafter in a truck so enormous that it shut down neighborhood traffic. "It was pretty exciting to see it come off the trailer," Preston says.

Upon attempting to register the

car, Preston discovered that there were some customs issues which needed to be sorted out. The car was finally registered in September but by then an entire summer of driving fun was lost.

Besides air conditioning, Preston's 53-year-old Cadillac is equipped with plenty of power — power windows, power steering, power antenna, power brakes and power seats. While all the power equipment makes driving the big car effortless, the signal-seeking AM radio makes driving a pleasant experience.

Sitting atop the padded dashboard, an automatic eye awaits nightfall when it can detect through the one-piece panoramic wraparound windshield the lights of oncoming cars and automatically dim the Cadiliac's lights.





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## Car flunked emissions test — go to car computer for diagnostic help

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Dear Doctor: I own a 1997
Nissan Maxima. The car failed the emissions test here in Illinois. I went to my local shop and they replaced a couple of items. Next, I went to Nissan and they said they were not sure of the repair but wanted to start with the mass air flow sensor at a cost of \$600. They charged me \$106 for a guess. What is my next step? I am on a fixed income. — Amella: Dear Amella: Contact the authority in charge of the state emissions test. They should be able to direct you to a qualified shop. The trouble code retrieved from the computer will point the technician in the right direction. In some states after a certain amount of money has been spent for the repair, a waiver a Doctor: I own a 2001

a certain amount of money has been spent for the repair, a waiver can be requested.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001

Lexus GS430. When I put the car in reverse there is a slight lurching. Both the dealer and Lexus representative said the problem is related to the computer. Is this possible? — Ron

Dear Ron: There are no Technical Service Bulletins listed on transmission lurching. I need more information before any diagnosis can be made. Were there any trouble codes in the computer? Has the computer been reprogrammed with all updates? If the final result is a faulty computer, the amount of lurching would determine if its cost is worth the expense.

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Chevrolet Equinox. The transmission dipstick can only be accessed from below by removing an engine mount. What were they thinking with this design? Is there any other way to get to the dipstick? — Tom

Dear Tom: This is a mild inconvenience compared to fluid level checks on other makes and models. Transmission fluid life is much longer than that of years ago; scheduled maintenance should be done as per the vehicle manufacturer recommendations.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Ford Explorer Sport. Lately it seems to have a hard ride. Current mileage is 72,000 miles. It has General tires and two replacement rear shocks. Is there anything I can do to get a smoother ride? — Bill

Dear Bill: To get a smoother ride? — Bill obe examined. Heavy-duty shocks are not for everyone. Sometimes we recommend entry-level shocks, versus heavy-duty units. Tire pressure is also a big part of ride comfort. Talk with someone who is familiar with your concerns.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2005 Dodge Ram with the Heml engine. I read the book on how to break in the truck and they recommend changing all fluids including transmission and differentials. Would you agree or disagree with this recommenda-

tion? — Ron

Dear Ron: I would have to refer you to the owner's manual only, not something written by the dealer or any other company. We follow the manufacturer's service recommendations at my shop.

Dear Doctor: I live In Long Island and read your column every week. I am interested in upgrading the stock wheels and tires on my 2003 Mazda Protege5 wagon, which currently has 195/50r16 tires. What would be the advantages or disadvantages of switching to an 18-inch all-weather tire package? I am looking for better handling, grip traction, as well as a smoother ride with less road noise. — Dan

Dear Dan: I am in favor of blus-sizing tire and wheel packages. I am not in favor of an all-season tire upgrade package. I prefer a summer tread pattern upgrade. Keep the stock tires and wheels for the long winter use. The advantages of upgrading the tire size will be better traction (snow not included) and a sharp look. The disadvantages are a harder ride because there

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,175,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,150,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,006,000

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TOTAL SALES: 82 LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,400,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$524,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$616,951

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then arches up over the rear wheel and flows to the rear of the car, signaling that this is a powerful rear-drive automobile.

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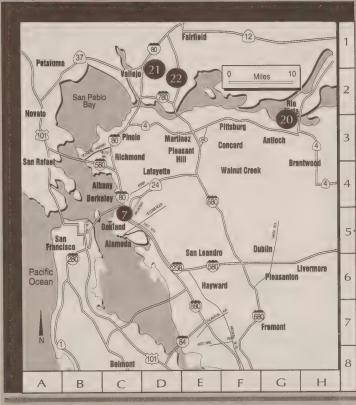
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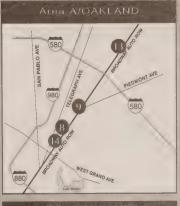
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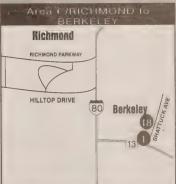
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## The first rule of RVing is to have fun

No matter where you go or what kind of Recreational Vehicle you drive, remember, having fun is Job 1. I've seen people get so caught up in the mechanical aspects of RVing that they seem to forget why they're out there. Others sort of flounder along from one problem situation to another while spending their leisure time with an RV. Both situations detract from the reason we're out there in the first place.

It's relatively easy to relax, enjoy the

#### ROLLING HOMES

mation sources. Trailer Life magazine and MotorHome magazine (vr.net) are sources for good information, as is the annual Trailer Life Campground Directory. The RV Repair & Maintenance manual and RV Handbook, also at vr.net, will answer most of your technical questions and help you get a refucant appliance or other component repaired and operating again. Detailed maps such as the DeLorme Atlas & Gazetteer series (delorme.com) will help you find your destination with ease.

Make a list. There's nothing more annoying than setting up at a campsite and discovering you left some vital piece of hardware behind. We use a packing list, which we update regularly as our needs

lists also help us do our jobs and keep employers happy.

We need the list because we drive many different RVs each year and are constantly loading and unloading them. For RV owners it's not as much of a chore because much of the camping gear stays aboard, but the list still helps you remember if you borrowed a tool or took something out for cleaning, for example.

Ask for help, if you happen to be out by yourself, don't be shy about asking for help when needed: backing in, starting up your water heater, even figuring out how to use the dump hose and related systems can be intimidating to a newcomer. RVers are a gregarious lot and chances are, your flallings will draw an experienced helper with answers to questions before you even





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The logic Mr. Sloan used is that as people get older and have more money, they would trade up," said for Libby, senior director of Industry analysis at J. D. Power and Associates, Power Information, Network.

Other companies, notably Ford,

The same company is Mini. Almost one in 10 Mini owners, 9.1 percent, trade up to a BMW.

Why is trading up important? Well, there is that well-known marketing maxim that it costs more to attract new customers than it does to keep the ones you already have. "So whether they trade up, down or sldeways is not important data shows that only a handly one of Power Information Next one in 10 Mini owners, 9.1 percent, trade up to a BMW.

Why is trading up important? Well, there is that well-known marketing maxim that it costs more to keep the ones you already have. "So whether they trade up, odwn or sldeways is not important; but it is important financially that they trade within the same corporation," Libby said. The data showed that only 1.8 percent of Toyota owners traded up to a horse prestigious brand trade up to a more prestigious brand trade up to a more prestigious brand trade up to a more prestigious brand within the same corporation. The major exception is Scion owners. A whopping 28 percent of them trade up to a Toyota. Scion is Toyota's waygen owners bought an Audi; 1.5 percent of Ford owners bought and within General Motors, only 2.4 percent of Bulck ways and the provided that the same corporation. The major exception is Scion owners. As whopping 28 percent of them trade up to a Toyota. Scion is Toyota's wayen owners bought an Audi; 1.5 percent of Ford owners bought and went for a Lincoln. Within General Motors, only 2.4 percent of Pontiac owners and 1 per



## National survey reveals more people sing in the car than in the shower

DIRECTIVE ANALYSIS/AUTO EXPRESSIONS MOORPARK, Calif. — When you're driving down the road with the music turned up and your favorite tunes piping through the speakers, do you feel compelled to sing? If so, you are like the majority of Americans who tend to break out into song while cruising in their cars. In fact, according to the "Music in Motion" survey of more than 1,000 U.S. drivers, conducted by Directive Analytics and commissioned by Auto Expressions, a leading brand of automotive accessories and air care products, more than nine out of 10 Americans sing in their cars...that's more than the number of people that sing in the shower.

With 196 million licensed drivers in the United States, just imagine how many drivers could possibly be singling simultaneously on the road at any given time. Results of the survey also found that most people prefer to sing solo in their car since eight out of 10 people said that they experience 'stage fright' and don't like to sing when there is an audience of other passengers present. Ironically though, six out of 10 don't care when someone in another automobile catches them singing in the car — more than three-fourths of drivers actually continue singling.

#### Who are the car crooners?

The survey revealed that redeads, not blondes have more fun inging in the car, since 53% of redeads always sing in the car. The urvey also discovered that women nore often than men sing in their ars, however both men and

#### What are they singing?

Even with all of the new music and audio technology out on the market today, most drivers still find themselves just singing along to the songs on the radio. The preferred genres of song for the car crooners are rock songs, followed closely by music from the '80s and pop music. However, country songs top the charts for older Americans who exercise their vocal cords behind the wheel.

Car manufacturers may want to consider renaming SUVs to "Singing Utility Vehicles", since the survey found that drivers of these types of cars tend to sing the most. Car crooners also enjoy having a fragrant, organized "stage" since four out 10 car stars have air fresheners and organizers in their cars.

"It's not hard to believe that people are belting out their favorite tunes behind the wheel to occupy their driving time since most drivers spend more than one hour in their car each day," said Sharon Bykerk, head of marketling communications for Auto Expressions. "We applaud those who lilke to express themselves whether it is vocally or with the accessories they choose for their cars."

Are you looking for more ways to sing in the car? Now through Sept. 29 or until supplies last, look for specially marked packages of Auto Expressions Vent Fresh adjustable air fresheners to find a "Turn it up and Win" scratch-off game piece. Five lucky grand prize winners will receive an Alpine music car makeover and 200 first prize winners will receive an Apple IPod Nano 4GB. All game pieces, whether you are a winner or not, may be redeemed at the Tunes Music Store for a free song download. Log on to www.ventfreshturnitup.com for more details and official contest rules.

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Auto Expressions products are produced and marketed by Shell Lubricants. Directive Analytics is a full service Marketing Research firm, located in Norwalk, Conn.

## Carfax revises history report, enters NASI

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

In the past two decades, the used car business has changed dramatically, Bottom line — some of the risk in buying a used car 20 years ago has been minimized.

"We've seen remarkable change in the way people buy and sell used cars over the past 20 years," said Dick Raines, president of Carfax, a pioneer in vehicle history. For starters, the Internet has allowed a buyer to purchase a used car form virtually anywhere around the globe. A plus for used-car buyers is that automakers now offer certified used cars that guarantee a certain level of quality, providing the used-car buyer with peace of mind that didn't exist a couple decades ago.

Similarly, searches of a vehicle's history, like those provided by Carfax, give the buyer some assurance that he or she isn't buying someone else's lemon. A recent J. D. Power used-vehicle survey showed this year with flood-damaged vehicles from hurricanes possibly showing up in the market, vehicle history reports are an inexpensive way to ease the concerns of consumers about potentially buying a vehicle that may have been heavily damaged in a hurricane or other natural disaster," said Jane Crane, director of automotive retail research at J.D. Power and Associates. "Approximately 30 percent of manufacturer franchise dealers are opting to provide vehicle

### SHE'S FREEWHEELING

history reports to potential buyers

## road trip that brought Pixar Film's characters — and Route 66 — to life

and his sons would be off at colege "and you will have missed it."

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of automobiles.

"I love cars a lot more than I used to," he said.

Jerome Ranft is the younger brother of Joe Ranft.

The 'car nut' — attention to detail adds authenticity

Jay Ward worked on both the art side and the technical side of the making of "Cars."

He was in the art department when the film, then simply known as the JLP (John Lasseter Project) landed at the studio. He then moved to become character team manager, where he oversaw the modeling, articulation (adding movement) and shading (adding surface textures) of all of the characters in "Cars."

Ward went on research trips, visiting an abandoned Packard factory in Detroit "with no windows left in it and old hardwood floors all potato-chipped." Pixar staffers visited designers at General Motors and Ford, seeing the cars that would emerge as the Chevy HHR and the Ford Mustang when they were just clay models.

It was good times for Ward, an admitted "car nut." He has a '29 Ford Model A roadster and a '39 Mercury convertible at home. He runs Pixar's annual car show. Authenticity is important, he

## neral Motor's full-size sport utility sales making big improvement

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### SPARE PARTS

Ford messages UAW

Ford Motor Co. is sending a passage to its factories: Be com-titive or beware. Ford expects plants and union workers to brace a "change or die" menity, abandon management-labor stility and become fully com-

THE 2006 BUICK ENCLAVE
concept vehicle has ample
room for six passengers and a
skylight that extends almost
the entire length of the
passenger compartment.



## Despite gas prices, big still sells

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS
Don't panic and give up on the idea of owning a big sport utility vehicle of full-size pickup just because the next generation is coming later this year. Likewise, sales of the full-size models that generation of the second-generation of the s

for 2007?
In fact, both GM and Ford have invested hundreds of millions of dollars each in the redesigns of their full-size SUV lines for 2007, knowing full well that, while demand for these vehicles might have dipped slightly last year as gasoline prices spiked, overall demand has — and is expected to continue — to remain steady.

But beyond those vehicles, GM, Ford and Dodge continued to offer their heavy-duty pickups, with towing capacities ranging to well above 15,000 pounds for most, as there has been little slowdown in demand for these vehicles.

Almed at specific consumers who have needs that lesser trucks just can't meet, the Chevrolet/GMC, Dodge and Ford heavy-duty trucks continue to offer such towing-friendly features as optional diseel engines, tow-hold modes on their automatic transmissions and special trailering packages to accommodate customers with big loads to pull.

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## My other car is a millionaire

BY DON SHERMAN
NEWYORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE
Blame Milton Robson, an Atlanta
car collector, for the sky-high prices
of muscle cars.
Four years ago, Robson, a former grocery wholesaler, placed a
half-page advertisement in Hemmings Motor News to sell his 1971
Plymouth Barracuda, a convertible equipped with a Hemi V-8 engine and a four-speed manual
transmission. The asking price —
\$1 million — was an astounding
sum, even considering that the car
was one of just six similarly
equipped 'Cudas that Chrysler
built as 1971 models.
"When I saw Mr. Robson's ad, I
said to myself, 'Well, he's got to
start somewhere," Colin Comer,
president of Colin's Classic Automobiles in Milwaukee, said. "But he
stuck to his guns and, sure enough,
his Hemi 'Cuda went to a broker
who flipped it," he said, using slang
for a quick resale.
The once-astronomical price

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The once-astronomical price seems quite reasonable today, as survivors of the muscle-car era enter the millionaire's club, shouldering Bugattis, Ferraris and Duesenbergs out of the limelight. In January, at the Barrett-Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale, Arlz., two icons of the period sold for seven-figure prices.

A 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle convertible with a 454-cubic-inch V-8, decked out in replica lettering from its days as a drag racing champion, sold for \$1,242,000. A 1970 Phymouth Hemi 'Cuda convertible in bilinding orange — High Impact Vitamin C in sales brochures — brought \$2,160,000.

Two months later, a 1965 Shelby

sales brochures — brought \$2,160,000.

Two months later, a 1965 Shelby Mustang GT350R with a history of racetrack wins just missed the mark, bringing \$990,000. A Shelby Cobra racecar sold for \$1.65 million at the same Amelia Island, Fla., auction. Why would a car that cost \$5,000 when new 35 years ago command \$1 million or more today? The simple answer is that wealthy buyers know what they want and are willing to pay for it. And years of steadily rising prices have made the purchase of a rare muscle car easier to justify as an example of investment-grade wish fulfillment.

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While there is no concise definition of what constitutes a muscle car, it is certain that the horsepower race in Detroit heated up considerably with the arrival of the Pontlac GTO for the '64 model year. The one-upsmanship among carmakers continued for eight years, until escalating insurance rates, unleaded gasoline and tepid horse-

power ratings shifted buyers toward personal luxury cars.
Purists insist that a muscle car is made by marrying a big engine with a four- or five-seat body, citing the example of the original GTO. The engines are typically from 383 to 454 cubic inches in displacement (in the vernacular, "big-block" V-8's), with factory ratings of up to 450 horsepower.
While sports cars like the Shelby Cobra and Chevrolet Corvette may qualify on the basis of horsepower and zero-to-60 performance, sticklers regard these powerful two-seaters as no more than affiliate members of their club. Imported cars were never considered for membership.
Comer, 34, was born as the muscle car era was fading. He admits that some of his affection for the cars is pure rebellion. "My dad told me muscle cars were cheap kids' toys," he said. "If gured that if he didn't like them, they had to be pretty cool."
Like prices for other types of collectibles, muscle car values are determined by well-established guidelines. In this lofty price class, experienced buyers and sellers use special language to appraise their qualities.
Rarity is a virtue. In 1969, Chevrolet made 69 Camaros with aluminum

guicelines. In this lofty price class, experienced buyers and sellers use special language to appraise their qualities.

Rarity is a virtue. In 1969, Chevrolet made 80 Camaros with aluminum 427-cublc-inch V-8s for racing. Because even that meager supply exceeded demand — the ZL1 engine option cost more than the base car — many languished at dealerships. Today these are among the most sought-after Camaros. Comer recently sold one for \$840,000 and expects them to top \$1 million soon.

Optional equipment adds value, especially less-common factory-installed features like the model year's most powerful engine or a heavy-duty transmission; high-performance options can distinguish a top-shelf muscle car from a Plymouth Satellite that has little more than bucket seats and a mainstream family-sedan engine. "The speculators buying lesser cars in hopes the rising tide of top-dollar muscle cars will make them wealthy are wrong," Comer said. "Market adjustments are in-evitable. When that happens, speculators who bought marginal cars will get burned."

History matters, and documentation is crucial. What collectors call provenance traces the car to its origins by a bill of sale, paperwork tucked under the backesat by assembly-line workers, photos from previous owners, or trophies earned at the racetrack.

Included with the \$1.2-million Chevelle auctioned in January were

### For authenicity, it's a numbers game

Condition is crucial in setting the value of any collectible, whether an antique credenza or a classic car. But there's more to condition than surface appearances.

While first-time buyers may be impressed by shiny paint and sparkling chrome, experienced muscle car collectors dig deeper. They are looking for cars whose condition is as close to factory-fresh as possible. All-original examples are rare; most muscle cars suffered modifications at the hands of exuberant young owners. Restorations vary widely in both the level of craftsmanship and the appropriateness of the parts that were used. In the complex language used to describe how well a car conforms to factory specifications, "matching numbers" is commonly used. The term implies that the car still has the same engine and major components that were installed at the factory. The numbers are identifying marks cast or stamped into the parts.

Because few muscle cars have survived with all their equipment was usually first to be cast off — resourceful restorers gather the appropriate parts for assembly into what appears to be a seemingly correct muscle car.

The matching numbers description is not all-encompassing. The 1970 Chevelle that sold for \$1.2 million in January was considered a "numbers matching (restoration) car" because it is an amalgam of parts that are correct, though not originally installed on this particular car. In contrast, the \$2.2 million "Cuda sold at the same auction is a "numbers matching (restoration) card because it still had the same Hemi V8 installed in 1970.

Muscle cars may also be restored with correct, but not original, parts that have had the identification numbers machined off and then restamped — often a high-quality reproduction that is nearly identical to factory markings. Sellers may honestly present these cobbled-together cars as "clones," but when they try to pass them off as originals, a more direct term is used to describe them: forgeries.

## Limos strain vehicle safety in

BY CHRIS CHRISTOFF
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PORT SANILAC, Mich. — Those
eye-catching stretch Hummers and
some other SUV ilmos growing in
popularity for proms and other
events might be pushing the physical boundaries of brakes, suspension systems and frames, according to industry experts.
Only Lincoln and Cadillac build
factory models designed for limousine conversion by specialty manufacturers. Converting other vehicles
into limos generally volds warranties
and sometimes comes with stern
warnings from manufacturers.
Neither AM General, which
makes the H1 and H2 Hummers,
nor the Chryster Group recommends stretching its vehicles into
limousines.
"We officially frown on such

southern Lake Huron. Unlike the major converters that buy vehicles then stretch and sell them, Watson gets vehicles he stretches from limo companies.

"People come up to me and say, 'Can you build this?' I say, 'Yeah,'" shrugged Watson, 43, who's owned the company since 1997.

Watson said he's aware of the

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"We officially frown on such shenanigans," said AM General spokesman Craig MacNab at the company's headquarters in South Bend, Ind. "We don't like it, we don't encourage it, it voids all warranties. Don't try this at home, kids."

Sara McLean, publisher of Limousine and Chauffeur Transportation magazine, said there's no way to tell whether a vehicle that's been stretched had its brakes and suspension system beefed up for the heavier load.

"Once you cut a car in half, all the primary testing goes out of the vehicle once you add the weight," she said. "You buy an H2 with a Tahoe platform' chassis," add 10 feet of stretch metal — that braking system is not acceptable."

Still, the super-size limos are one of the fastest-growing segments of the market.

A Detroit Free Press examination of the industry turned up nor exports of serious accidents or injuries caused by inadequate design or construction. The issue is how the Ilmo would handle in a panic situation or hold up in an accident.

About 25 major coach builders in the United States and Canada that manufacture most Ilmos in North America primarily use Lincolns and Cadillacs and follow gillines to convert factory-made cars and SUVs.

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MAZDA'S KABURA is a designer concept that incorporates the front-engine, rear-drive layout.

## Road rage: Ways to keep your anger under control

While running late to work, a car cuts you off in a crowded intersection. How do you feel? Heated.

It's normal to feel ill-tempered in heavy traffic. When anger provokes you to act out, however, the situation can become dangerous and even deadly. While you can't control the actions of others, maintaining your composure will help you stay safe on the road. Here are some tips:

■ Plan ahead. Before you hit the road, listen to traffic reports to see which routes are congested. You'll then be able to take an alternate route or mentally prepare yourself for a slower drive. If possible, leave for your destination early to beat rushour traffic delays.

■ Breathe. If you start to feel angry, focus on breathing deeply or try other relexation techniques. To calm your nerves, play your favorite CD or bring along an audio book to help pass the time.

■ Leave the house stress-free. Thinking about all the tasks you have to perform for the day, you may feel wound up before even setting foot in the

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in the past year, I have yet to make
strawberry, chocolate or vanilla
though I have made pistachlo, mint
chip and a few other essentials).
I focus on flavors you usually
won't find along the supermarket
freezer alsie. Basil. Rosemary. Chal.
Dulce de leche. Margarita. Pumpkin ple. Guinness.
(Guinness? More on that later.)
Making loe cream is about
something else: Experimentation.
Trial and error. The search for the
undiscovered flavor.
You're part chef, part artist, part
aichemist. The recipes are as simple as can be.
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... volla! You have ice cream.
How about roasted garlic? Butternut squash? Wasabl? Green tea?
All are flavors I pian to make soon.
The second rule about homemade loe cream is that Just because you can make something into an ice cream doesn't mean that you should make something into an ice cream.
Not every flavor from the food world translates well. My list of falled ice creams includes two with a common ingredient: alcohol.
The first was the ostentatiously named Port Wine Cherry Chocolate Chunk, a recipe I made up when I so foolishly believed that there was no such thing as bad ice cream.
Who doesn't like port? Who doesn't like cherries or chocolate? What could go wrong?
Everything. The alcohol in the port didn't fully cook off and reacted portly with the milk and eggs. The whole mixture ended up with a beautiful, deep red hue— and a stinky, eggy, winey smell. My wife melted it down to salvage the chocolate chunks.
Nothing tops the Guinness debacle.
It was a shame, because it held

chocolate chunks.

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It was a shame, because it held such promise. It came gut of the loe-cream maker with an airy texture and a sliky brown color. Reducing the stout by half on the stove had cooked off the alcohol but doubled the bitterness. Sweetened with sugar, the concoction became a cluster bomb of extreme flavors. I sheepishly offered some tom yneighbors, inducing their dear daughter to gag.

The Guinness ice cream retained value as a conversation piece, though. Another friend stopped in, and I challenged him to try a spoonful.

"Totally rancid," I warned.
He confirmed it. ——

"Oh, my," he said, eyes bugging out.

I finally oleased my 5-year-old,

### Basic recipes make experimenting easy

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If you'd like to experiment with lec-cream flavors, these mixes are good starting points. Add your choice of crushed fruit, extracts or other ingredients.

These recipes all yield about 2 quarts of ice cream. They are from "The Compiste Idiot's Guide to Homemade Ice Cream," by Dick Warren with Bobbi Dempsey (Alpha, 2006, \$14.95).

Basic mix no. 1: In a bowl, whisk together 1 ¼ cups granulated sugar, 3 cups heavy cream and 3 cups haif-and-haif until sugar is dissolved. Cover and refrigerate until coid (40 degrees).

Basic mix no. 2: Beat 4 egg yolks and 1 ¼ cups granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Pour 2 cups haif-and-haif Into a heavy saucepan, then stir in egg mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens (180 degrees).

Basic mix no. 3: In a bowl, whisk together 3 cups heavy cream; mix well. Cover and refrigerate until coid (40 degrees).

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I finally pleased my 5-year-old, and everyone else in the house, by serving duice de leche ice cream for breakfast on Mother's Day. I made the ice cream a few days in advance. It is one of the easiest to make because its big caramel flavor comes from one ingredient: sweetened condensed milk.

I whipped up four stacks of French toast and topped each of them with caramelized bananas, fresh strawberries and a scoop of duice de leche ice cream.

There was no talk of Neapolitan.



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AVOCADO ICE CREAM

4 very ripe avocados, peeled, ed and chopped 1 cup heavy cream ½ cup granulated sugar ¼ cup freshly squeezed lime

juice
In a food processor or blender,
puree avocados with cream, sugar
and lime juice until smooth. Transfer
to an ice-cream maker; freeze according to manufacturer's directions.
Makes 8 to 10 servings.
Adapted from "125 Best Ice
Cream Recipes," by Marilyn Linton
and Tanya Linton (Robert Rose,

2003, \$18,95).

#### ROSEMARY ICE CREAM

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3 egg yolks
1/s cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
2 cups half-and-half
2 cups whole milk
4 sprigs fresh rosemary
In a bowl, whisk yolks with granulated sugar and brown sugar until
thickened and pale yellow. Set aside.
In a medium saucepan over
medium-low heat, bring half-and-half, milk and rosemary to a simmer. Simmer, stirring occasionally,
for 15 minutes. Discard rosemary.
Gradually whisk hot cream mixture
into egg mixture. Scrape mixture
into egg mixture. Scrape mixture
into saucepan. Cook over low heat,
stirring constantly, until mixture is

thick enough to coat the back of a wooden spoon. Do not let boil. Strain into a clean, large bowl. Let cool to room temperature. Cover and refrigerate until cold.

Stir cream makure. Transfer to an loe-cream maker; freeze according to manufacturer's directions.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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#### MASALA CHAI ICE CREAM

1/2 cinnamon stick 8 black peppercorr 6 whole cloves 3 cardamom pods

2 cups water 3 (¼-inch-thick) slices fresh

ginger

½ cup whole milk

1 cup simple syrup (see note)
½ cup heavy cream
Using a mortar and pestle, crush clinamon, peppercorns, cloves and cardamom pods until fine and powdery (or use a clean coffee grinder).

Combine spice mixture, water, ginger and milk in a medium saucepan. Brifig to a boil over medium-high heat. Remove from heat; cover and let stand for 10 minutes. Strain into a large bowl. Let cool to room temperature. Stir in simple syrup and cream. Cover; refrigerate until cold. Stir mixture, then transfer to an ice-cream maker. Freeze according to manufacturer's directions.

Makes 4 to 8 servings.

combine 2 cups granulated sugar and 2 cups water in a medium saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until sugar is completely dissolved. Simmer, without stirring, for 2 minutes more. Transfer to an airtight container; refrigerate until cold. Refrigerate leftovers.

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#### DULCE DE LECHE ICE CREAM

## Younger homeowners are seeking low-maintenance landsca

BY MARTY HAIR

With four kids ages 8 months to 8 years, Matt and Richelle Redersen want their Birmingham, Mich., backyard to be functional and easy to maintain.

Matt calls it user-friendly: It is a big grassy play area that has plants that bloom in succession all season without requiring much attention.

"This is a Swiffer yard," laughs Matt, a 36-year-old bond broker. "We didn't want anything that's going to require a lot of work but will look nice."

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Just as they have embraced the Swiffer, Proctor & Gamble's hit line of floor mops and dusters with disposable dirt pads, more and more homeowners under 40 want nice lawns and gardens without all the hard work that goes into them — even if that means spending more money.

Often influenced by cable TV landscaping shows, these consumers show a preference for attractive yards — occasionally with flourishes like outdoor kitchens and sound systems — to enjoy and entertain, not primarily to pursue the hobby of gardening.

"My focus was more on a place where we could hang out than a collection of plants," says Jonathon Hofley, 33, who with his brother Eric publishes and edits the Michigan Gardener magazine.

Researchers say it reflects the group's hectic lives and deliste for

Gardener magazine.

Researchers say it reflects the group's hectic lives and desire for predictable outcomes when it comes to tasks like feeding the grass.

Marketers and retailers are listening. Any change in consumer

preferences affects what shoppers find at garden centers, from the size of plants available to options for applying fertilizer.
Last year Americans spent \$35.2 billion on lawn and garden products and about that much on landscape services, according to the National Gardening Association.

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High school teacher Elaine
Jirkans, 33, and her husband, Andy
Malone, 34, a design engineer, garden for the love of it. They grow vegetables, herbs and flowers and enjoy showing them to friends who visit
their Detroit home.
But Elaine says they aren't obsessive.

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"We're not meticulous in terms of pulling weeds and making sure the grass is perfectly cut, but we want it to look neat and green."

When Hofley and his wife Ce-leste, a 31-year-old ad agency art di-rector, have friends visit them in Birm-ingham, Mich., the pergola he built is a backyard magnet.

He installed the landscape and does the yard work himself, although he says he's not that interested in memorizing individual plant charac-teristics or learning a bunch of Latin names.

He's more interested in having a nice place to relax and entertain with Celeste, often under the pergola. "She and I will eat out there. We do entertaining underneath it," he says. "That's our home central in summer for parties."

He says most of his friends are not into plants, but they appreciate the yard's green privacy, colorful flowers and ornamental grasses. "My goal has been to find plants that are relatively low maintenance, that don't need a ton of watering," Hofley explains.

Jennifer Stansberry, marketing manager at English Gardens stores, said she senses that among many younger homeowners.

"Gardening is not their main hobby. They're creating the outdoor living room," she says.

Vickie Abrahamson, executive vice-president and co founder of lconoculture in Minneapolis, said her firm has tracked similar trends.

"They just love the casual lifestyle. They're not buying furniture for their dining room. They're buying the outdoor grill, firepit, the comfy chairs to become the central focal point," she says.

Consumer spending on do-lt-yourself lawn and garden products peaked in 2002 at \$39.6 billion and has fallen annually since then, according to Bruce Butterfield, research director of the National Gardening Association in Burlington, Vt.

What has grown over the same period is the amount spent on bired services. Butterfield says that is now about the same as the total spent on DIY, with one in three households hiring lawn or garden assistance. Scott Pittman, a landscape architect who owns Garden Central in Berkley, Mich., says cable land-

scaping shows have been great for getting homeowners more interested in landscaping, although he's sometimes called to fix TV-inspired projects that bombed.

Pittman says his younger landscape design customers are interested in their landscape's big picture: They want it to look right, to look "done," although "I'm not so sure they're so passionate about plants. But later on in life, they might be."

The Pedersens hired Jim Morris of English Gardens to design the landscape around their newly built house when they moved in 1 ½

years ago.

A 33-year-old homemaker, Richelle says she admires her inlaws' extensive plantings, greenhouse and pond but those features 
don't fit into her current lifestyle.

"I just don't have time to sit down 
and learn about the plants," she 
says. She likes color and favors 
perennials because they return year 
after year but, overall, "I'd rather 
spend the time with my kids than 
gardening."

And if the kids trample something, it's not the tragedy it would be 
in a more highly manicured setting. 
"Here, we don't worry about it,"

JONATHON, LEFT, AND CELESTE Hofley, relax in their backyard garden in Birminghan Mi more homeowners under 40 want nice lawns and gardens without all the hard work that was

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supender or food processor. Pour the soup into a clean saucepan and stir in the buttermilk and half-and-half. Season with sait and pepper and simmer until just heated through. Ladle the soup into shallow bowls, sprinkle with the cliantro and serve. Serves 4 to 6.

1/2 cup jicama, diced 1/4 cup red onion, diced 2 tablespoons fresh mint; 1/4 teaspoon salt pinch of cumin Glaze: 2 tablespoons apple juice con-

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tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 tablespoon white wine or Champagne
 Marinate salmon in marinade for at least one hour. Combine and mix salsa ingredients and refrigerate. Combine and mix glaze ingredients. Coat grill with oil and cook salmon, coating with glaze (glaze will caramelize). Serve with salsa. Looks fabulous over Black rice. Additional topping may be rice vinegar and grated ginger.



## Fore! The latest golf merchandise for improving dad's game

New products and technologies abound at The PGA Merchandise Show

Clubs designed to maximize drive distance. All-weather accessories for comfort and durability in rain or shine. Sleek and stylish apparel to keep Dad looking fashionable from the fairway to the 19th hole.

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are developing advanced technologies to bring your dad closer to his goals.

At The 2006 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Fla., golf's biggest names launched new products designed to help your dad take his game to the next level.

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Here is what golfers can expect to see for the first time on the green this year:

New equipment, including clubs featuring seamless, no-weld faces and balls that will go the distance, including:

Callaway's FT-3 Fusion Big Bertha Driver (SRP \$500), features a larger effective hitting area by strategically positioning weight in the clubhead.

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Updated accessories featuring a focus on durability and convenience, including:

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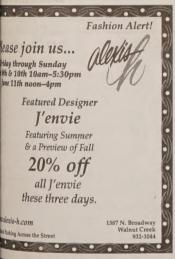
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■ Club rain covers, sweat- and rain-resistant score cards and GPS systems with high-resolution display screens for golf carts, ensuring that the only irritations on the course are water hazards and sand traps.

Stylish fashions that look good on and off the course, featuring footwear, apparel and accessories that unite fashion and style with comfort and functionality, including:

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"My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass"; "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."











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## Gifts for the dad who loves to fish

Dads tend to be low-maintenance when it comes to Father's Day gifts, according to recent findings by the National Retail Federation. Where Moms are likely to appreciate luxury items like jewelry or a trip to the spa, men like leisurely goods for barbeculap, boating, fishing or watching a ballgame.

If you want to get Dad a gift for his favorite outdoor activity, here are some Father's Day suggestions for Dads of any age.

Fishing gear that floats is ideal for anglers. XTools sells a value pack with 6 1/2-inch floating bent-nose pliers, a 10-inch minit E-Z release de-hooker and a convenient holder that clips on Dad's belt. You can find these gadgets at many national boating and fishing retailers for less than \$30.

The Tube 'NG OP ackage is the perfect water sports package for an active Dad. West Marine has a

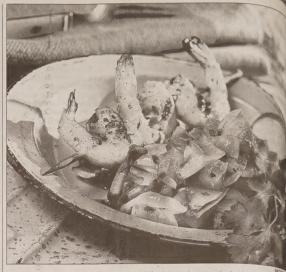
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GRILLED ONION SALSA goes great with shrimp done on the barbi

## Simply sweet summer

Although it's easy to grab prepared foods off the grocery store shelf, nothing beats the fresh, homemade taste that comes from fixing food at home. Despite what you may think, homemade fare doesn'the cessarily require a long list of ingredients or complicated instructions.

By simply combining fruits and vegetables, even the less-experienced cook can create a unique dish atthorne that showcases seasonal flavor and freshness. Grocery stores, farmers' markets and backyard gardens have an array of summer produce. When looking for the perfect blend of flavor, texture, color and nutrients, think onions.

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Onions offer endiess possibilities year-round, but summer is the perfect bend in flavor than fall and winter varieties. To capture that fresh flavor, create a signature salsa or avcoado dip. This duo goes well with torillà chips and Mexican food, but these dips can also add unforgettable flavor and freshness to grilled meats, vegetables and other cishes. For more recipes, visit www.onions-usa.org or, send a stamped, self-addressed, busi-

#### GRILLED ONION SALSA

Grittleb Onion Salsa 2 large orions, sliced 2 large tomatoes, chopped 1/4 cup seeded jalapeño pep-rs, chopped 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped Teaspoon cumin seeds Fresh-squeezed lime juice Salt

Fresh-squeezed lime juice Salt Grill onion slices. Coarsely chop the grilled rings and mix with chopped tomatoes, jalapeño peppers, cilantro and cumin seeds. Season with fresh lime juice and salt. Makes: 3½ cups. Recipe and image provided by the National Onion Association.



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### These days, 'Mr. Mom' not so uncommon

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■ Finances. This will probably play the biggest role in whether or not you"ll be making the move to stay-at-home dad. Traditionally, women had a much more difficult time earning as much as their male counterparts, making the decision for women to stay home with the kids a relatively easy one. However, as women have begun to make more money, the decision as to who will stay at home is no longer an automatic one. Which parent makes more money, and who has the higher earning potential down

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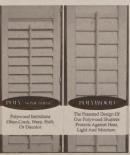
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■ Obtain driving directions. While maps may work for some, others need step-by-step instructions when trekking across the country. Most dads won't admit they are lost, but luckly for families, GPS navigation technology is becoming more affordable and easy to use. Gift idea. StreetPilot c330 GPS by Garmin (\$599.99), a portable auto navigation system makes navigation easy with voice prompting, automatic route calculation, turn-by-turn guidance and touch-screen technology to access any address, including nearly 5 million points of interest. Dads can choose between three-dimensional view or the more traditional "bird's eye" overhead view. On-screen icons show the location of restaurants, gas stations, ATMs and more.
■ When to ask for help. Your family will still be lost if Dad can't figure out how to operate his Street-Pilot. You should consider adding a gift card for in-store setup to ensure Dad's GPS equipment is pointing him in the right direction.

#### Pack light

Pack light

Lighter cars get better gas mileage. Staying connected while away doesn't mean taking every piece of technology you own these days. Invest lin one piece of equipment that can combine the functions of a laptop, cell phone and organization device to keep your extra luggage to a minimum.

Gilt idea. Palm Treo 650 Smartphone (\$599.99) holds essential information, along with a phone in case of emergencies or for checking hotel reservations. The Treo combines a compact mobile phone with email, an organizer for vacation to-do lists, messaging capabilities, Web access to stay connected while on the road, as well as an MP3 player, digital camera

that captures video, and a vibrant color screen. With this device, dask have everything they need in one place. If dads aren't quite ready for a power-packed phone, the Sprint Mobile Broadband Connection Card PC-5740 (\$229.99) keeps laptops connected anywhere with a Sprint signal — without relying on hotspots or wired networks.

When to ask for help. While the Treo and broadband cards are helpful, they can be difficult to set up. Have tech service consultants install the devices to make sure mobility functions are up and running before Dad takes it on the road.

#### Entertain the crowd

Entertain the crowd

Prepare a bag of tricks. Offer your kids lots of activities to keep them from asking the inevitable question: "Are we there yet?" Packing a special backpack or bag for each child with books, toys, activity sets, handheld games or an iPod, and borrowing audio books from the library helps keep them entertained.

Gift Idea. PL-51D 10-Inch Portable DVD Player (\$299.99). Whether dads use it to keep the kids entertained in the back seat or to watch favorite movies in the hotel room at night, this portable DVD player has all the features of the bigger models. Or, to pump music throughout the car, the Pionser Inno XM2go portable satellite receiver for XM radio (\$399.99) ensures your kids have something to listen to when the radio stations fade out between cities. MP3 capability lets your family bring your favorite tunes for the ride.

When to ask for help. The portable DVD player my be a piece of cake, but larger, more robust home entertainment systems can be difficult to install. Rely on expert service technicians to help dad set up and integrate a new television or media center PC with existing devices. Knowledgeable sales staff

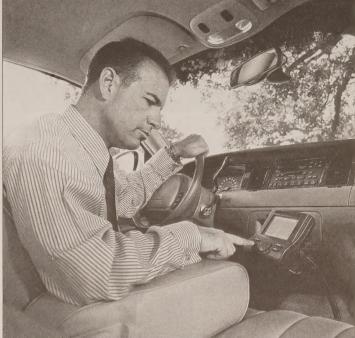
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■ Capture the memorles. Vacations offer once in a lifetime moments to share with your friends and relive year-round. Digital cameras and camcorders make it easy to record memorles without worrying about bulky film, and pictures can be shared instantly without waiting for developing.

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you and your wife's respective occupations, but consulting with others who have moved from work to home may help.

■ Work schedule. If you or your wife each work where flexible schedules are acceptable, that might be the best way for you to go. Also, if you can work part-time until your kids are old enough to fend for themselves, that's a great way to keep earning something while also keeping your career active. This is some-

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thing that should help you find work or return to a bigger role within your company once your children have grown up a little.

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